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END OF BIG FOUR MEET NEAR

West Prepared To Admit Failure Of Discussions TO PUSH OWN PLANS

Paris, June 11.

The Western Powers tonight prepared to write off the Big Four Foreign Ministers Council session some time next week as another total failure to come to terms with Russia on the future of Germany.

At the same time, they prepared to push ahead at full speed with their own organisation of a strong democratic Western German state in full conviction that the East-West division of Germany now will be a long-term affair.

U.S. Envoy Leaves Nanking

Nanking, June 12.

United States Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart left Nanking Saturday night for Shanghai for a three day visit, becoming the first diplomat to travel to Shanghai since the occupation of Nanking by the Communists.

Mr. Stuart, who is expected to leave China for Washington before the end of July, was accompanied to Shanghai by Embassy Attache Frank Kierman and his Chinese personal secretary. — Associated Press.

Daring Train Robbery Near Canton

A daring train robbery took place only 22 miles from Canton on Saturday, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Some 30 armed bandits, disguised as passengers, boarded the Canton-bound train at Tongni station, robbed the passengers and ransacked the freight cars.

The only casualty reported was a postal worker who, mistaking the chief guard on the train, was shot in the thigh by an impatient bandit.

According to reports from Canton the train from Kowloon stopped at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at Tongni station, some 22 miles East of Canton.

There, the gang of bandits boarded the train and stripped the passengers of all their money and valuables. One passenger was said to have lost HK\$20,000 in cash.

Mistaking a postal worker for the chief guard, an impatient bandit shot him in the thigh because he could not produce the key to the strongroom.

A considerable amount of freight was also removed from the train by the bandits, said the reports.

The Chinese authorities have no garrison at Tongni.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) from a stationary depression over Tonghai, shallow trough extends across S. China and Formosa to N. Japan. Pressure is relatively high over the Eastern Sea, and in a ridge extending from the Pelelo anticyclone to Luzon.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SW winds, freshening at times. Cloudy, with scattered showers and bright intervals. Warm and humid.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 82.5 deg. F. Minimum: 77.2 deg. F. Rainfall: 1.4 mm (0.06 in). Total since Jan. 1: 118.5 mm (4.67 in). Average of 1948: 28.4 in.

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At the request of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Council did not sit today. The next meeting was to have taken place on Sunday afternoon when Mr. Vyshinsky was to reply to the Western Ministers' rejection of the surprise Soviet proposal for the conclusion of an early peace treaty with Germany and withdrawal of Allied occupation forces.

The Three Western Ministers again met privately at the French Office this afternoon to prepare for Mr. Vyshinsky's rebuttal and discuss ways and means of ending the Council session next week.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson announced on Friday that he must be back in New York by next Saturday at the latest.

Mr. Vyshinsky presumably was using a free day to get together necessary documents for a reply and possibly on additional instructions from Moscow.

Nothing New

However, the Western Ministers were now convinced that Mr. Vyshinsky had nothing new to offer that could make an agreement on Germany possible at the present time.

In his reply, he is expected to put the blame on the West for breaking up the Council session by refusing to conclude a German peace treaty and desiring to perpetuate the division of Germany.

That this is the line that Mr. Vyshinsky probably would take was indicated by the French Communist Party, after a paper, "Ce Soldat" which usually faithfully reflects the thinking of the Soviet delegation.

The Western Powers will make a last minute effort next week to get a limited working agreement with Russia on the establishment of trade between Eastern and Western Germany.

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Contact Needed

"The Russians, who want at all costs to show themselves as champions of peace also need to maintain contact with the West. The general expectation was that after a brief fruitless discussion of the Austrian peace treaty, the last item on its agenda, the Council would break up on Thursday or Friday after four weeks of talking without a single concrete achievement to credit."

Vyshinsky and Mr. Acheson had a chance this evening to thresh out the whole German problem at a dinner given by the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Mr. Vyshinsky invited Mr. Acheson after having sent several hours in contact with Moscow over the Big Four German deadlock.

Mr. Acheson took along his top advisers, including a handy interpreter, Mr. Vyshinsky had some new ideas to put forward which could break the logjam.

They are Dr. Philip C. Jessup, Robert Murphy and Charles A. ...

Haile Selassie Starts Oil Probe



Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia is the lever to start drilling operations in search of oil at the Gumdora Hills in Ethiopia's Ogaden Desert. The site is that of the Sinclair Petroleum Company of America, operating under a 50-year monopoly concession. The ceremony was also attended by the Duke of Harar, second son of the Negus and ruler of the vast territory of Eastern Ethiopia, and by Donald Bigelow, United States Charge d'Affaires at Addis Ababa. Photo shows Emperor Haile Selassie pulling the lever to start drilling at the Sinclair site. John Falke (right) the company treasurer, looks on. — (AP Photo).

Negotiations On Release Of Amethyst

Paris, June 12.

William Green, a veteran British diplomat who was until recently Consul in Tientsin, has contacted Chinese Communists to negotiate the release of the sloop Amethyst still trapped in the Yangtze with most of her crew.

British sources in Paris said that Britain wants the Chinese Communists to give her safe passage back to her Hong Kong base. The Communists are unwilling to do so until Britain promises to pay reparations for the damage caused in its recent gun duel with Communist shore batteries.

Mr. Green is also discussing trade relations between British commercial interests and the Communist-ruled China in the immediate future. At the insistence of these commercial interests the British Government is seeking to arrange for normal and regular business relations to continue — especially in North China, where British investments are extremely large.

British businessmen in Communist-ruled China are ahead of their government in coming to terms with the Communists, the sources said. In many areas they are actively co-operating with local Communist authorities.

The sources cited a recent instance when the Communist authorities eluded taxation on the returns of the British American Tobacco Company — operating in Tientsin — after the company telegraphed an appeal personally to Mao Tse-tung, the Communist leader.

Representatives of the Belgian Government are also said to be in contact with the Chinese Communists on trade and economic questions.

So far as can be established, the United States Government has so far kept out of this jockeying for economic and commercial ties with the new rulers in China. — Associated Press.

Orient Lags Far Behind Europe In Recovery Try

Washington, June 12.

The Office of International Trade of the U.S. Department of Commerce reported today economic conditions in the Orient remain dislocated at low levels—in sharp contrast to general economic improvement in the West.

An article appearing in the Foreign Commerce Weekly said continuing civil strife and intensified political conflict have not only impeded recovery in the Orient, but have contributed to further economic deterioration of much of the area.

The Commerce Weekly's article includes the following countries in its coverage of the Far East: Burma, China, India, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaya, the Philippines and Siam.

In addition to the depressing effect of civil and political strife on business generally, most countries of the Far East have been unable to increase agricultural and industrial production to pre-war levels," says the article.

It said that other factors contributing to the slowness of economic recovery are:

Acceleration of budgetary deficits; increased tempo of inflation; overvaluation and inconvertibility of domestic currencies; rising pressure of population on the means of subsistence; disruption of world trade channels and the universal shortage of hard currencies.

Drop To Half

The article continues that, in 1937, the foreign trade of the Orient amounted to \$7,092,000,000, or more than 13 per cent of the total global trade. In 1948, this dropped to less than half that of 1937.

The publication noted, however, that in 1947 the figure rose to \$5,607,000,000 and that in 1948, dollar trade volume was \$7,100,000,000.

"The 1948 total is misleading, however, since present prices of virtually all commodities are considerably higher," says the article.

Actual physical volume of Far Eastern foreign trade is still well below pre-war levels, and in relation to total world trade during 1948 represented only 0.7 per cent.

"Another factor impeding economic recovery has been the relatively higher prices of imported goods over prices of Far Eastern products available for export."

"Prices of the imported goods, for the last part in great world demand, rose much higher than those for commodities produced in the Far East largely because of the general post-war decline in demand for such raw materials from European and Japanese industrial consumers."

Rubber First

It said that rubber ranks first in value among the leading export commodities. Preliminary estimates show that the dollar volume of rubber exports last year will approximate \$550,000,000, or about 16 per cent above 1937.

Coconut trade amounted to about \$40,000,000 metric tons last year compared with \$70,000 tons in 1937.

Rice exports last year totalled about 2,282,000 metric tons, compared with 7,500,000 tons in 1937. It explained this decline resulted primarily from greatly reduced agricultural production in Burma, India, China and Siam.

Total value of exports from the Orient last year was about \$2,912,363,000 as compared with \$3,672,262,000 in 1937.

Imports to the Orient approximated \$3,288,036,000. The article added:

"In 1948, the Philippines assumed the leading role among Far Eastern countries in trade with the U.S. accounting for 31.4 per cent of the total; Japan was second with 17.3 per cent; China third with 16.4 per cent; Malaya fourth with 16.8 per cent. — Associated Press.

Step By Step

East-West differences are now so frozen that the belief is growing there will be no formal peace treaty on Germany by the big four. A gradual return of Germany to the family of nations is envisaged in a step by step process.

The West will not accept anything but what amounted to an unconditional political surrender from Russia. And Russia is not willing to make such a surrender.

Few believe Germany will be permanently partitioned or deprived of the effects of a peace treaty. They believe the force of events will bring about both, just as it brought about the West German state. The reasoning goes like this:

This West German state will serve as a magnet for Eastern Germans to unite with it, first economically through trade agreements, later by the solving of mutual political problems.

It will be a central government by evolution rather than by sudden diplomatic birth.

Once the West German state is functioning it will be called upon more and more to assume control over its own affairs. It will be dealing economically with its neighbours.

Lacking a peace treaty that will solve its problem in one act, the German government may be called on to negotiate its border and other political difficulties with its neighbours one by one.

While the Allies will supervise these procedures it is extremely doubtful if any, including the Russians, will seek to block them. It will be a face-saving procedure out of the impasse created by direct negotiation among the big four.

The end of the occupation is expected years hence, in the same manner, with a German government negotiating for the gradual withdrawal of occupation troops under special conditions, some what in the same manner as that of Korea and not as speedily as that of France and Austria.

Police Deny Gun Duel With Pirates

A reported gun duel between the Marine Police and suspected pirates yesterday off Wang Lau Island was denied by the Marine Police.

According to a reliable source, a Police launch, which could not be identified yet, was patrolling outside the harbour when she came across suspicious looking people aboard a craft.

In answer to the challenge by the inspectors, to stop the suspected pirates opened fire.

A brief gun duel ensued which led to three constables being injured.

Approached by telephone early this morning, the Officer on Duty at Tsim Tsa Tsui stated that no such report had reached him.

P. I., THAILAND TO SIGN PACT

Washington, June 12.

The Philippines and Thailand will sign a treaty of friendship at the Thai Embassy here next Tuesday.

Princess Wan Wathana, will sign for Thailand and Ambassador J. M. Ellsworth for the Philippines. The treaty will take effect later when ratifications are exchanged at the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok.

Efforts To Clear Up Yangtse Mining Mystery

Shanghai, June 12.

Shanghai's port, now sealed off from the outside, has entered its fourth day of presumptive blockade by the ousted Nationalist Navy as shippers and the population anxiously awaited the results of official efforts to clear up the Yangtse mine-laying mystery this morning.

An inspection team, acting under orders of the Communist Military Control Commission, was reliably reported to be going today to the Yangtse channel danger zone, 40 miles down river from Woosung, to determine whether the Nationalist LSM and gunboat seen manoeuvring there on Thursday by harbour pilots had actually carried out mine-sowing operations.

These suspicions have resulted in the closing of the port of Shanghai during the past four days, tied up all coastal and foreign shipping and brought the diversion of a dozen vessels due here shortly.

While the Communist authorities themselves made no announcement to the Yangtse danger zone or mine-sweeping channel, it was reliably reported that shallow draft vessels were going today to the area off Tung-sha bank in an attempt to detect the mines.

The report said that if it is established that mines have been laid, efforts to clear the channel would have to be made later as the party today was not taking mine-sweeping equipment.

There were conflicting reports about the Communist possession of mine-sweepers, some claiming that there were none while others say the Reds have one or more.

One report said that the Communists were bringing a gunboat down from Nanking for the purpose of protecting mine-sweeping efforts which it was generally believed, will be necessary to prove once and for all to the satisfaction of the shippers that the waters are safe for navigation.

It was not certain whether the Nationalist gunboat was still lurking along the mouth of the Yangtze. If it is there it could shell any mine-sweepers trying to clear the channel and if the Communists send one of their captured or surrendered gunboats to the scene, a naval engagement might ensue.

U.S. Radio Station

The new station's operator, an American, Mr. Bill Crum, who has been permitted to broadcast over the former KMHA at 60 kilocycles.

He has rechristened the station after the manner of the American Forces Radio in the Shanghai Broadcasting Company, SBC, the "Voice of the Orient."

Mr. Crum was operating Station BEB-3 when the city fell and had to close down.

He said that everything was in shape for the beginning of broadcast tomorrow night.

In Canton, the Central Political Council of the Kuomintang has decided to set up a Training Superior Committee for training national allies and carrying out reform within the Kuomintang to co-operate with Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's Cabinet. It was reliably learned here today. (Continued on Page 3)

Inflation Down

More than 100 big time market operators and several hundred silver dollar peddlers were rounded up in a series of raids during the past two days in which Communist soldiers took part.

At the same time, the Bank of China announced the first official rate for the silver dollar at 1,200.

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LULL IN CHINA WAR HAS MANY REASONS

Shanghai, June 12.

The present lull in China's civil war can be explained by military necessity and judgment, but there may be partial explanations for it that are not wholly military.

Ever since the Reds took Mukden, abandoned the guerilla warfare for formal conquest, they have had to assume the burdens the Nationalists once carried—the burdens of urban China.

They have had to take over the management of cities and trade centres which had been supported by inflation and crippled by steep regulations and bad management.

This succession of "prizes" like Tientsin, Tsingtau, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow and Hankow, in their present condition, are military handicaps no less. Many observers have said that the possession of cities undermined the Nationalists to the benefit of the Reds.

Even with the help first of UNRRA, then of the China Relief Mission, and finally ECA, the cities were drained dry. Shanghai, the biggest and theoretically the richest of all, did not pay its own way. The Nationalist Treasury paid the Shanghai municipal budget deficit a couple of years.

Cities Stripped

The change-over left the cities even in worse shape. The retreating Nationalists stripped them of shipping, particularly small coastwise shipping that was a large part of the cities' life blood. The Nationalists also took the hard money holdings, residue of China's foreign exchange exchange so vital to foreign commerce.

Gone too, is foreign aid, which supplies a good part of the raw materials for factories.

The Reds are making a Herculean effort to get these cities off the debit on the credit side of the ledger, and considering the handicaps, have made progress. They are getting the railroads running, again which is a big stride and effect is already being felt. They have tackled the inflation with earnestness and honesty but success in that field is far to be limited until they get business thrived out and flowing again, and until they can end the war and begin to curtail military costs.

Shoe On Other Foot

Evidence that the shoe is now on the other foot is seen in the Shanghai "mine blockade" in a sense this is the same sort of guerilla warfare the Reds practiced long against the Nationalists. When the Nationalists were on top, the Reds cut railroads, blockaded cities from raw materials and food in the hinterlands. Now they are in turn being cut off from vital supplies from the sea.

The Reds who proved the cities could not succeed when cut off from the hinterland may discover the cities are equally impotent when severed from the sea.

Airlines are also vital to cities but no airlines will risk their planes on routes raided by hostile fighters. It is not likely these collateral problems of victory have stalled the Red Southern drive. The Red Armies are too big and in too good working order to be halted so soon. But in the final clean-up in the South and West should drag on too long, they might.

COMING TO THE KING'S AND LEE



Reminders

Today

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Cocktail Party, HMS London, 7 p.m.
Police Recreation Club, Mahjong Drive, 2.30 p.m.
Crown Land sale, Taipei District Office, 3 p.m.
American International Assurance Co., Ltd. annual general meeting, 12-14, Queen's Road Central, 11 a.m.
Tennis League matches, Mixed Doubles "A" Division.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Root Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Official visit to Tung Wah Hospital by Colonial Secretary, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Tue H Club meeting Taipei House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
V's Men's meeting, Ladies Night, Chinese Bankers' Club, Bank of East Asia Building.
HK Union Church Ladies' Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.

AUSTIN ON FREEDOM'S TRADITION

Middlebury, Vermont, June 11. Mr. Warren R. Austin, chief United States delegate to the United Nations, said today that the American tradition of freedom is opposed by the tradition of enslavement in world affairs and counselled that the dollar properly managed can deliver people from vulnerability to Communism.

Mr. Austin, making the principal address at the dedication of a memorial at Middlebury College said "Enslavement of the mind and soul is practiced by a large and growing area and among many millions of people. Experience has enabled us to perceive our tradition of freedom is opposed by the tradition of enslavement."

Mr. Austin then outlined the achievements of the United Nations in promoting peace in the major world crises. He told Middlebury students: "I tell those who aspire to world government not to injure this valuable and ready-to-hand instrument of peace while they pursue a distant goal."—United Press.

Hatta's Visit To Guerilla Headquarters

Batavia, June 12. Informed sources reported yesterday that Republican Premier Mohamed Hatta did not contact the head of the Emergency government as planned on a five-day visit to guerilla headquarters in Northern Sumatra.

The report raised speculation in Republican circles here as to whether the group empowered by Hatta to act for the Indonesians when he was exiled last December would agree to Dutch-Indonesian peace moves.

The Dutch have agreed to restore Hatta's regime to the Republican capital, Yogyakarta, if the Republicans will stop the guerilla warfare directed by the Emergency Government in Sumatra.

A republican spokesman said Hatta talked with Emergency Government leaders at their meeting in Northern Sumatra, and that his visit clarified several matters.

The spokesman did not mention Hatta's reported failure to meet former Cabinet Minister Blaroesadin who headed the Emergency Government set up after Hatta and President Soekarno were removed to Bangka Island last December, after Dutch conquest of Yogyakarta.

Hatta returned to Bangka on Friday in a "United Republic" situation group. Hatta is to leave for Bangka today with the Sultan of Yogyakarta. Associated Press.

Your Dad's Home, Son!



An Austrian woman looks at her son as she hugs her husband on his return to Vienna from a war prison camp in the Soviet Union. He was one of 800 returned. Although he carries his pathetic belongings in a rough cardboard box, the man looks in good physical condition. All the men, some of whom were meeting sons and daughters for the first time, said that their treatment in Russia had improved vastly during the last year. Theodor Koerner, Lord Mayor of Vienna, turned out to welcome the men, but the real welcomes were those like the one pictured.—(AP Photo).

Dodgers Down Reds; Yanks Beat Indians

New York, June 12.

Mauling three southpaw hurlers for a dozen hits, including two home runs by catcher Roy Campanella and one by short stop Ryo Wee Reese, the paco setting Brooklyn Dodgers ran their winning streak to six straight by downing the Cincinnati Reds 11-3 in the National League yesterday.

The victory, coupled with Boston's defeat by Chicago, widened the Dodgers' first place lead to a game and a half.

Pinch hitter Danny Litwiler and second baseman Jimmy Bloodworth homered for Cincinnati.

The lowly Chicago Cubs pounded Vernon Bickford for 11 of their 15 hits to break his five game winning streak with a 5-2 victory over the Boston Braves.

The Cubs clinched matters in the seventh by scoring three on second baseman Earl Verrier's triple, right fielder Herman Reich's double and two singles. Centre fielder Pete Reiser homered for Boston in the ninth.

Homers by shortstop Marty Marion and first baseman Nippy Jones, each with a man on base, coupled with three-hit pitching by George Mauer, gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 6-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ended Losing Streak

The New York Giants ended their five game losing streak, scoring all their runs in the eighth inning to overcome a 3-0 deficit and defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3.

A pair of second inning runs and second baseman Danny Verrier's home run in the sixth put the Pirates out in front. The Giants' big inning included a two-run home by centre fielder Bobby Thomson.

A nine run, first inning explosion which sent Bobby Feller to the showers after he was able to retire only one of the seven men to face him helped the New York Yankees to down the Cleveland Indians 12-7 in the American League.

The big blows were catcher Yogi Berra's bases loaded double against Feller and shortstop Phil Rizzuto's bases loaded triple against Sam Zoldak, Feller's successor. Right fielder Hank Bauer homered for New York in the seventh with one on and second baseman Joe Gordon hit a two-run homer for Cleveland in the sixth.

Free Hitting Game

The Washington Senators made up a seven run deficit to edge Detroit 9-8. Six home runs, four by Washington, were hit in the free hitting game.

The Senators rallied for five runs in the sixth on homers by outfielder Ed Steward and left fielder Gil Coan. Volmer also homered in the fourth. The Senators collected three runs in the seventh to win.

KCC Gaily Bedecked For Liberation Shield Bowls Games

Decorated with flags and bunting, the Kowloon Cricket Club bowling greens were a hive of activity yesterday, as 64 of the Colony's best lawn bowlers took the green in the first match of the Annual Liberation Shield series between the Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The Cricket Club seemed to be well adapted to the lawn bowls wood as they are to the cricket bat, and will now cross over for their second match with 46 shots up as a result of yesterday's game.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club managed to win on only two of the eight rinks, the final aggregate being 173 shots to 127. W. C. Simpson's rink scored a well-earned win over Joe Landolt's rink and incidentally made the highest score of 22 shots among the Bowling Green Club rinks. For the KCC, J. M. Forrest's quartet had the best score of 27 shots.

The keenest game was seen between the rinks skipped by F. E. Skinner and J. McElvie. Both rinks were neck and neck until the 19th end when the score stood at 16-16. Two singles by the Bowling Green Club brought their total to 18. In the last end, KCC were able to muster only one shot, to fall just short of a tie.

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BAKERS
S. A. Gray
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PHILLIES
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Middlecoff Leads In U.S. Tourney

Chicago, June 11. Garry Middlecoff, a former Memphis dentist, went in front in the United States open golf championship today with a three-round hole total of 211. With only one round left to play, Middlecoff, who gave up his place in the last Walker Cup team to turn professional, led by one stroke from the man who taught him, his name, Buck White, also of Memphis.

Bobby Locke, the South African, attempted to become the first foreigner to win the title since Ted Ray in 1920, was seven strokes behind at the start of the final 18 holes.

Middlecoff returned a third round of 69-two under par. Locke had a nerve-shattering six at the 18th hole for a third round of 73. Had he got his four, he would have been in fourth place at the 54-hole mark.

As it was, Middlecoff at 211, White at 212, Clayton Hearner and Al Brosch at 214, Ellsworth Vines at 216 and five others, including Sam Snead, at 217, were in front of him.—Reuter.

Phillies Sign New Pitcher

Philadelphia, June 11. A pair of US\$25,000 baseball shoes was the bonus that enabled the Philadelphia Phillies to sign Nicholas Montalto, 22-year-old former Brooklyn high school pitcher today.

The 215-lb Montalto came to Shibe Park for a tryout with a pair of old spiked shoes. George Earnshaw, who is in charge of the Phillies pitchers, joined to Montalto his shoes and the youth uncorked a good fast ball. Earnshaw suggested that Montalto sign with the Phillies and keep the shoes. Big Nick agreed.

Montalto was optioned to the Phillies' Bradford, Penna. farm team in the pony league. He is expected to make his first start next Sunday.—United Press.

Efforts To Clear Up Yangtse Mining Mystery

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Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was elected as the President of the Superior Committee and Acting President Li Tsung-jen as Vice-President.

The 10 other members include Marshal Yen, the new President Dr. Chen Lih-shan, leader of the right wing CC clique, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, Chief of the Kuomintang, General Ho Ying-chin, the outgoing Premier who had declined to accept any post in the new cabinet, General Chiang, one of the founders of the Kuomintang, whose appointment as the new Premier was vetoed by the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Sun Fo, former Premier, General Chang, Chief Commander of West China, General Wu Cheng-hsin, Secretary General of the Kuomintang Headquarters, General Wu Ching-hsin, well known as the "bridge" between the Generalissimo and Acting President Li Tsung-jen, and Mr. Li Wen-an, Elder Statesman of the Kuomintang.

Observers here believe that the decision just reached indicates that high-ranking Kuomintang officials have become more aware of their mistakes, of existing disunity and past blockings.

But, according to the observers, it is still doubtful whether they can attain the coherence the Kuomintang needs.

Meanwhile, General Bao Ching-shan, Government Commissioner in a statement today, reiterated that the part of the Central Government is still Canton, and denied reports that the Government would move to Chungking.

He said that despite the despatch of the party of officials to Chungking to set up branch offices in the wartime capital, all high-ranking officials will still in high-ranking positions in the Canton.—United Press.

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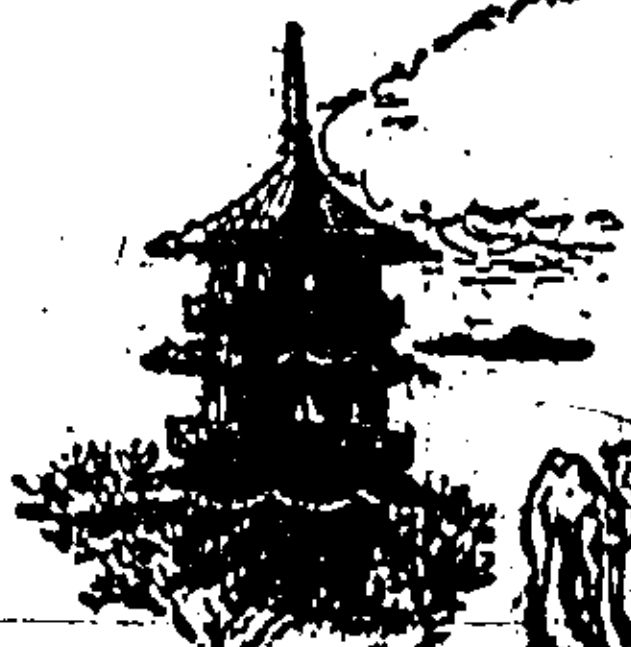
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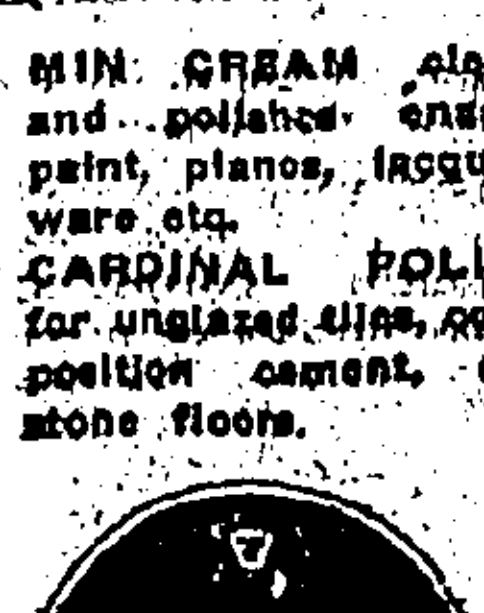
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(By Denis Compton, England and Middlesex)

"They'll win more matches than they'll lose and they'll give England a run for her money." Speaker was a man for whose judgment of cricket and cricketers I have much respect. He was referring to our New Zealand visitors. I haven't seen the Kiwis in action so far this season, but I've played against some of them in the past and know their quality. Others have already shown that they will command respect and I've little doubt that the team will develop into the strongest and most successful combination sent from New Zealand.

I know the fair-haired Bert Sutcliffe of the flashing bat and powerful hook. This great attacking left-hander, surely one of the freest-scoring open-

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, June 14, 1949, to Tuesday, June 28, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. MILNE, Secretary.

Hong Kong, June 8, 1949.

IMPORTANT

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GEORGE T. LLOYD, General Secretary.
Hong Kong, June 11, 1949.

ers ever, took nearly 400 runs in three innings off the MCC bowling when we visited New Zealand during the last tour in Australia.

He's always looking for runs, and he's going to give headaches to many of our bowlers before the season is out. I'd place him very high in a list of the world's greatest batsmen. Looks as though there must be something in a name after all.

I know, too, Jack Cowie. Tall, lean and rangy, Jack is now 38 and the veteran of the side, but by all accounts he's lost little of the speed and none of the accuracy which made him the only really success of M.L. Page's 1937 side.

Perhaps he'll provide a parallel with Bill Bowes who, when near the end of his career and having cast off some of that early fire and speed, was considered by many good judges to be a more dangerous bowler than in his heyday.

Martin Donnelly needs no introduction. If he strikes his best form he's good for a handful of runs. So are the tall, be-speckled skipper, Wally Hadlee, and vice-captain Wallace.

Very Dependable Batsman

Wallace, square-built and strong and quick-footed, has curbed the impetuosity which often cost him his wicket in his early playing days, and has matured into a very dependable batsman.

Another prolific run-getter is Verdun Scott, tall and slim. Not so attractive to watch, perhaps as Sutcliffe or Donnelly, Verdun is nevertheless a hard man to shift and an ideal opening partner for the mercurial Bert.

Then there's F.B. Smith. Similar in build to Wallace, he's an entertaining player and if he gets his eye in he's going to be a big favourite with the crowds. A schoolmaster by profession he's quite likely to teach our bowlers a thing or two.

So much for those I know something about. The other are much an unknown quantity so far as I am concerned, but Bert with his spinners and "Fen" Cresswell, the surprise selection of the tour, have already made their presence felt with the ball.

Stylish Batsman

Mooney has shown himself to be a first-rate wicket-keeper and much is expected of young Rele. This 20-year-old factory hand, who comes of age on June 3, is reputed to be a hard-hitting, stylish batsman and seems destined to make a name for himself in the cricket world.

So it looks as though the Kiwis are going to be strong in batting down to about No. 8. There's a big query about the strength of the middle, and there's no doubt that there will be a definite fall.

The attack will be good but limited, and it is probable that the brunt of the work will fall on Cowie, Harry Cave, Burt and Cresswell. Whether these week-end cricketers will stand the strain of playing six days a week, throughout the season remains to be seen. This factor may prove decisive in some of the later games.

Incidentally, it seems a great pity that it has been decided not to call on the services of Pritchard, Warwickshire speed man. He would have added fire to the attack and eased the burden for some of the other players.

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ONE TRICK TO A SUIT
WHEN an opponent has made a high pre-emptive suit bid, it is extremely likely that he has no more than a singleton in any one side suit. Hence it usually behooves the defence to try to pick off, if possible, one trick in each side suit before seeking a second trick in any suit. This is especially true if the dummy happens to contain a long side suit which may possibly be established for discards if the declarer ever gets the lead and thus the initiative to make the moves he elects.

S 10 6
H 3
D A Q J 10 8 5 4 3 2
C 3
S J 9 4 2
H A K J 10 8
D 7
C K Q 10

S K Q
H 9 7
D K 8
C J 9 8 7 6 5 2

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
5 D	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 D	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 D	Dbl	Pass	Pass

West meant his double to be treated any way East wished. The latter, feeling that five-odd might be likely in one major or the other, bid the lower-ranking one so that West could choose between levelling it in by passing or bidding 5-Spades if he preferred that suit. After North took it out, feeling soundly that the contract might be makeable for a hostile vulnerable game, West decided equally soundly not to try for the slam, so doubled.

That should have produced the logical result—one down, doubled. It would have if East had tried for one trick per suit, leading first his club A because it was in his shortest suit, and hence least likely to be ruffed, pick off, if possible, one trick in each side suit before seeking a second trick in any suit. This is especially true if the dummy happens to contain a long side suit which may possibly be established for discards if the declarer ever gets the lead and thus the initiative to make the moves he elects.

But East, after starting right with the club A, decided when he saw West's 10 to seek a second trick at once in the same suit. That spilt the beans. North ruffed the third round club with the diamond A to establish the suit, then led to the diamond 9, and proceeded to run the now good clubs, on which he discarded of this spade and heart losers. Failure of East to observe the one-trick-to-a-suit routine cost him plenty.

Tomorrow's Problem

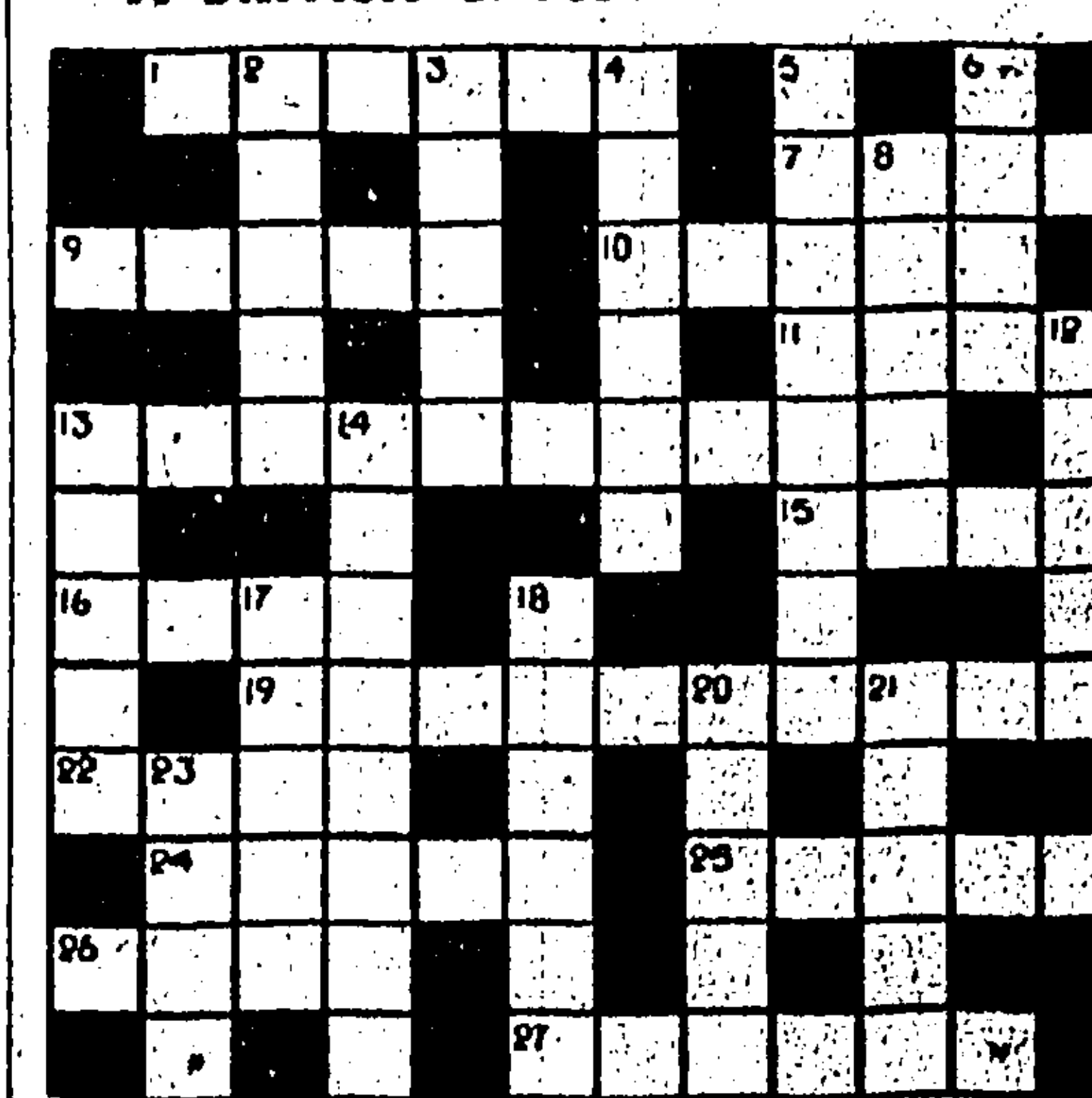
S J 4
H 8 6
D Q 10 7 4
C Q 10 5 4 3

S 10 9 5 3
H A 10 6
D J 9 6 3
C K 7

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

What two fingers are involved in West leading diamonds against South's No Trump game instead of the spades which his partner bid?

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1 Corns.
7 Dash.
9 Theatrical entertainment.
10 Fruit.
11 Notion.
13 Arranging.
15 Consider.

Down

2 Accent.
3 Obvious.
4 Enjoy.
5 Mental refreshment.
6 Low.
8 Strength.
9 Blay.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Evince, 4 Vixen, 7 Excuse, 8 State, 10 Code, 12 Sleered, 15 Ember, 16 Pest, 17 Sans, 19 Pupil, 20 Entreat, 21 Dean, 23 Child, 24 Splash, 25 Amaze, 28 Intend.
DOWN: 1 Exercise, 3 Incident, 5 Coy, 6 Intrepid, 8 Enures, 9 Strut, 11 Emeralds, 12 Sepal, 13 Relegate, 14 Drunched, 18 Anthem, 22 Open.

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Truman To Present Plan To Aid Under-Developed Areas; Opposition Likely

Washington, June 11.

President Truman is expected to present the detailed programme of the United States aid to under-developed areas to Congress next week, informed sources said here today.

The plan, named after Point Four of the President's inaugural address of last January, is expected to call for authorisations approaching \$100,000,000.

The main parts of the programme are expected to fall into three categories:

1. Bilateral arrangements between the United States and individual countries, under which direct American technical assistance would be offered on a government-to-government basis.
2. United States co-operation and participation in the United Nations programme which is also to be directed at raising the standards of living in under-developed areas.

The best estimate now available of the amount of money the United States would contribute for this is roughly \$50,000,000.

3. A programme of government encouragement to private industry to extend its operations abroad in projects to improve the economic conditions of less developed areas.

The administration is known to be ready to ask Congress to authorise the Export-Import Bank to issue convertibility guarantees under the Point Four programme and this is expected to be included in the President's message to Congress.

Bilateral Pacts

Such an arrangement would require bilateral agreement between the United States and countries wanting to take part in the development plan.

These agreements would be designed to assure American investments and development projects abroad would not be expropriated or nationalised without a reasonable financial settlement.

They would also be aimed at insuring fair trade practices without discrimination against American investments.

Meanwhile, the Government's proposed expenditure for under-developed countries, though at least \$200 million for Europe and in the re-arrangement of Europe were criticised today by prominent members of both parties.

The Chairman, Mr. Tom Connally (Democrat for Texas) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, thought that only a small appropriation would be necessary to start what Mr. Truman called in his inaugural message a bold, new plan for world economic expansion.

The most that might be asked at first, he said, would be technical assistance to help the nations bring the undeveloped areas into production.

Republican Senator Robert Taft said here today that President Truman's recent assertion that it was of vital importance to arm Europe to keep the peace might have the opposite effect.

Senator Taft, who heads the Republican policy committee, told a reporter that he is expected to vote for the North Atlantic Security Treaty, when it came before the Senate, because in his opinion, it is bound to deter Russia from starting a war.

"On the other hand, I am inclined to think that the arming of Western Europe would have the opposite effect," he said.

Senator Taft also disagreed with Mr. Truman's assertion that a slash in funds available for European recovery at this time would be the worst kind of false economy.

"I don't think a 10 per cent cut in its funds would eliminate any essential benefits," said the Republican leader.

Elephant Boy Denies Charge

Los Angeles, June 12.

The 28-year-old actor, Babu, filed in the Superior Court here on Saturday an answer denying that he is the father of a daughter born to the English ballet dancer Brenda Marlan Juller, aged 23.

Miss Juller is demanding US\$500 monthly support for the child.

Miss Juller declared that Babu earns US\$50,000 a year and owns property worth more than US\$350,000.

Babu replied that he has not worked for the past year and that his income for that period was only US\$2,750.—Associated Press.

Mechanical Brain's Possibilities

Manchester, June 12.

A mechanical brain that may eventually compete on equal terms with the human mind has been developed at Manchester University.

It may even compose poetry, says mathematician A. W. Turing, who is testing its thinking powers.

Discussing robot brains in general, the University's Professor Geoffrey Jefferson said on Thursday he doubts if one will ever compose a sonnet or a concerto.

He told the Royal College of Surgeons a machine with enough artificial brain cells for that would have to be as big as the Empire State Building in New York. It would take the power of a Niagara Falls to run it, Professor Jefferson added.

But Turing says no one can tell yet how smart this new thinking machine may be.

"It may take years before we settle down to its possibilities," he said, "but I do not see why it should not enter any one of the fields normally covered by the human intellect and eventually compete on equal terms."

Turing told reporters at the University that the new "Brain" is only a forerunner of what is to come.

He kept secret the actual operating principle of the machine. The apparatus consists of complex rows of electrical units, a tangle of wires and panels of bulbs, tubes and valves.—Associated Press.

CHINESE HAM INSPECTED

Manila, June 11.

Imported ham from other meat products from China are being adequately inspected by the Health Authorities, the Director of Health, Mr. Felipe Arenas announced today.

The announcement was made, following the publications of an editorial in a local paper, raising doubts as to whether such products were being properly inspected to safeguard the health of the public.—Reuter.

Israel's New Plan Of Conciliation With Arab States

-Lausanne, June 11.

Israel put forward new suggestions today as the Lausanne conciliation talks with her four Arab neighbours moved into a phase regarded by observers as crucial.

Dr. Walter Eytan, chief Israeli delegate, proposed to the three Conciliation Commissioners the setting up of five sub-committees in which Jews and Arabs could, for the first time, discuss directly the main points of conflict.

He suggested these subjects for the sub-committees:

- (1) A general truce settlement.
- (2) Boundaries, frontier and territorial adjustments.
- (3) Arab refugees.
- (4) The final status of the Jerusalem sector.
- (5) Economic questions.

The three-hour meeting at which Dr. Eytan made his suggestions was the first since the publication of the gist of the United States note to Israel demanding that she comply with the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly of December 11, 1948.

(One provision of this resolution was that Israel should allow the Arab refugees from Palestine to return to their homes in Israel).

Present at today's meeting were Mr. Andrew Cordier, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, and Mr. Stanton Griffiths, Director of the United Nations Aid to Arab Refugees.

To Meet Next Week

Dr. Eytan was invited to meet the Commission again at its next session next week.

This was interpreted by some observers to mean that the Commissioners had not yet seen any great value in the new Israeli proposals.

The Israeli delegation's spokesman showed great reluctance about the proposals and declined to discuss the impact of the United States note on the Lausanne talks.

The full text of the United States note has not been formally communicated to the French and Turkish Commissioners, it was understood, although the United States Commissioner has presumably had it for more than

10 days, as well as the text of the reported Israeli reply.

Mr. Mark Ethridge, who yesterday gave up his position as United Nations Conciliation Commissioner, was expected to see the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, in Paris today.

The four Arab delegations, at Lausanne have seen nothing but press reports to the United States note.—Reuter.

Racial Fight At Rugby Encounter

Port Elizabeth, June 11.

Fighting between white and coloured spectators twice interrupted play in the match here today between the New Zealand All-Blacks' Rugby Union touring team and the local Eastern Province side.

Struggling crowds surged on to the field and the police had to use their batons to clear the pitch. Hundreds of bottles were thrown as the crowd swayed to and fro in a violent struggle. Several spectators were taken to hospital.

The game was finished in spite of the disturbances, the All-Blacks beating the Eastern Province side by six points to three.

Mr. Robert Searle, President of the Eastern Province Rugby Union Football Union, said tonight that strict precautions would be taken to prevent disorders at the fourth Test match between South Africa and New Zealand, which is to be played at Port Elizabeth.

He said that the Coloured Advisory Committee would be consulted about who was to be admitted to the coloured sections of the ground.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN OFFICIAL IN U.S. FOR VISIT

Washington, June 11.

Colonel Iskander Mirza, Pakistan Defence Secretary, who is heading a five-man military mission to the United States, said today that he hoped to establish a closer liaison with the American defence services during his visit here.

The group will spend a month in the United States conferring with officials of the national military establishment and inspecting army, navy and air force training schools.

Mr. Mirza, who arrived in Washington late yesterday, is the guest of Mr. Mirza Abdul Hassan Jephani, ambassador for Pakistan.—Reuter.

Soviet Pilot Released

Stockholm, June 11.

The 27-year-old Soviet Air Force pilot who landed here in a fully armed fighter aircraft last month and asked for asylum was today released from internment and granted a refugee's passport and a residence permit.

The Swedish authorities, who are keeping his identity and whereabouts a secret, have twice refused Soviet Embassy officials permission to interview him.

The plane has been sent back to Russia. A request by the Embassy for the pilot's extradition to meet a charge of stealing the aircraft will be examined by the Swedish courts.

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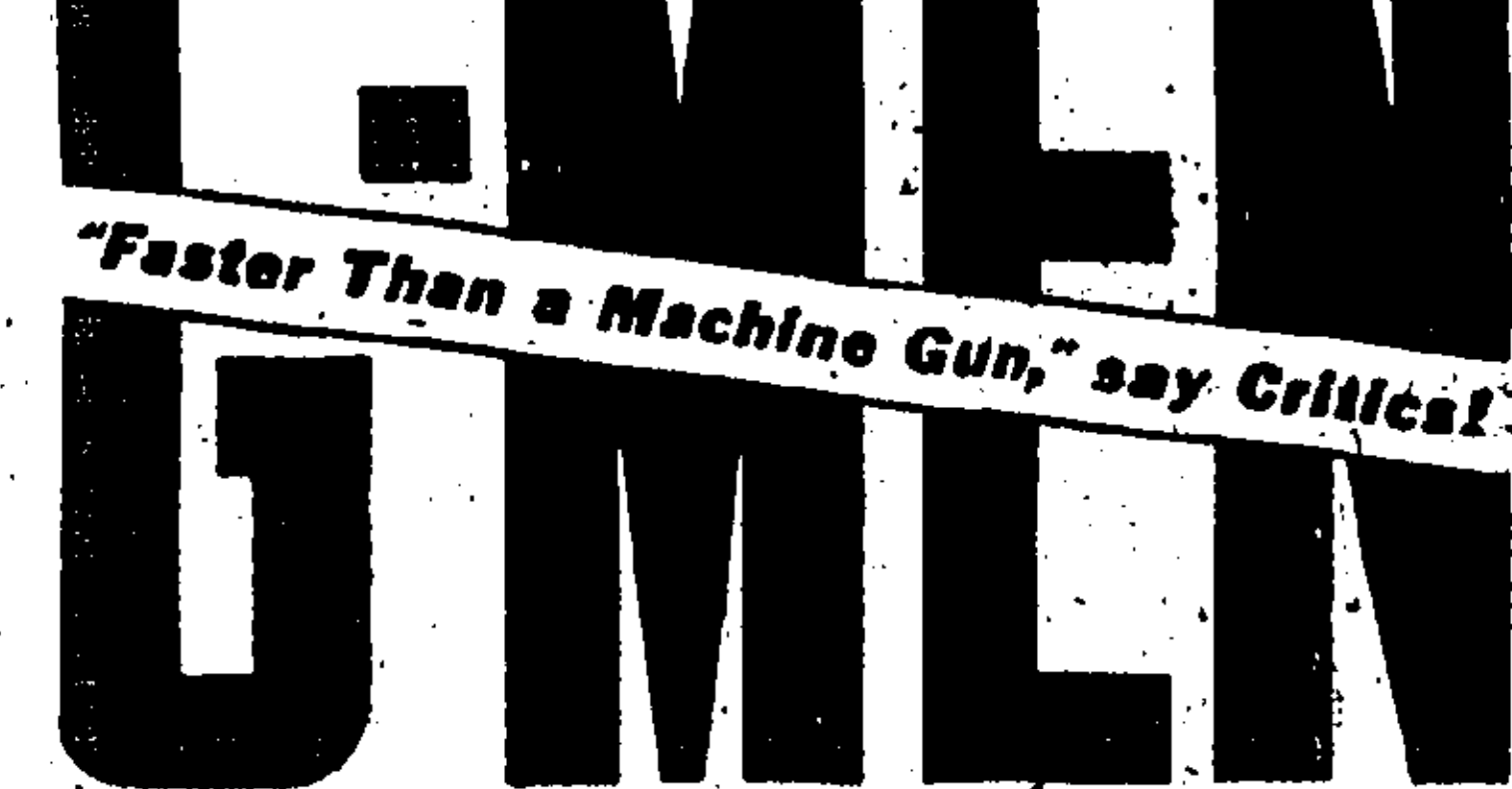
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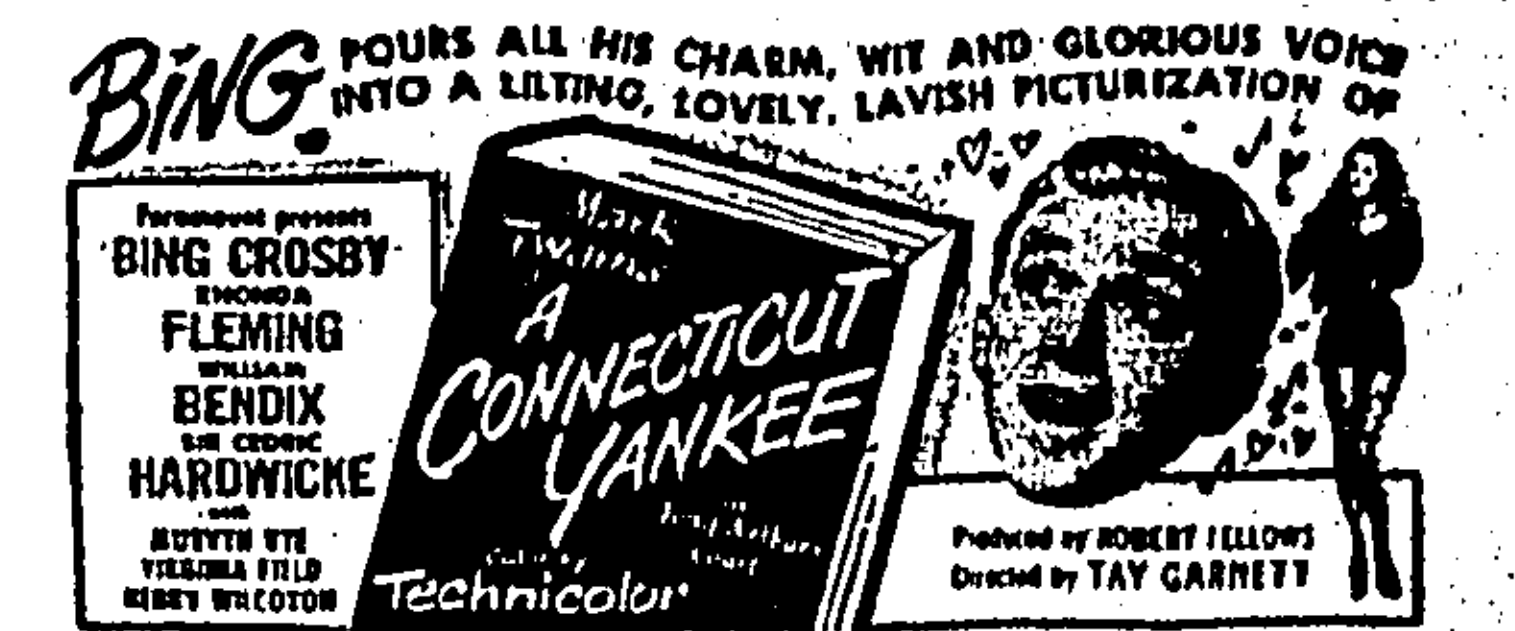
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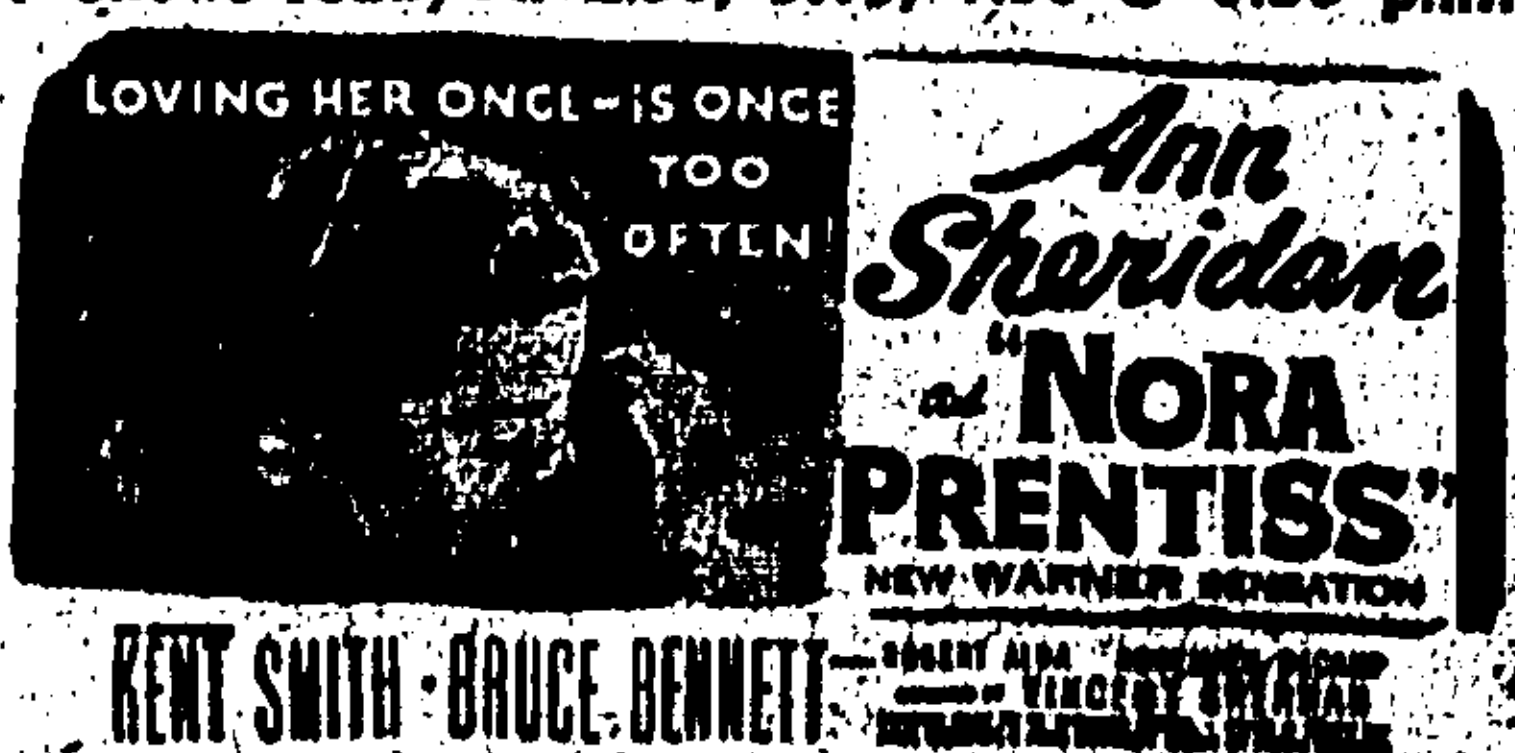
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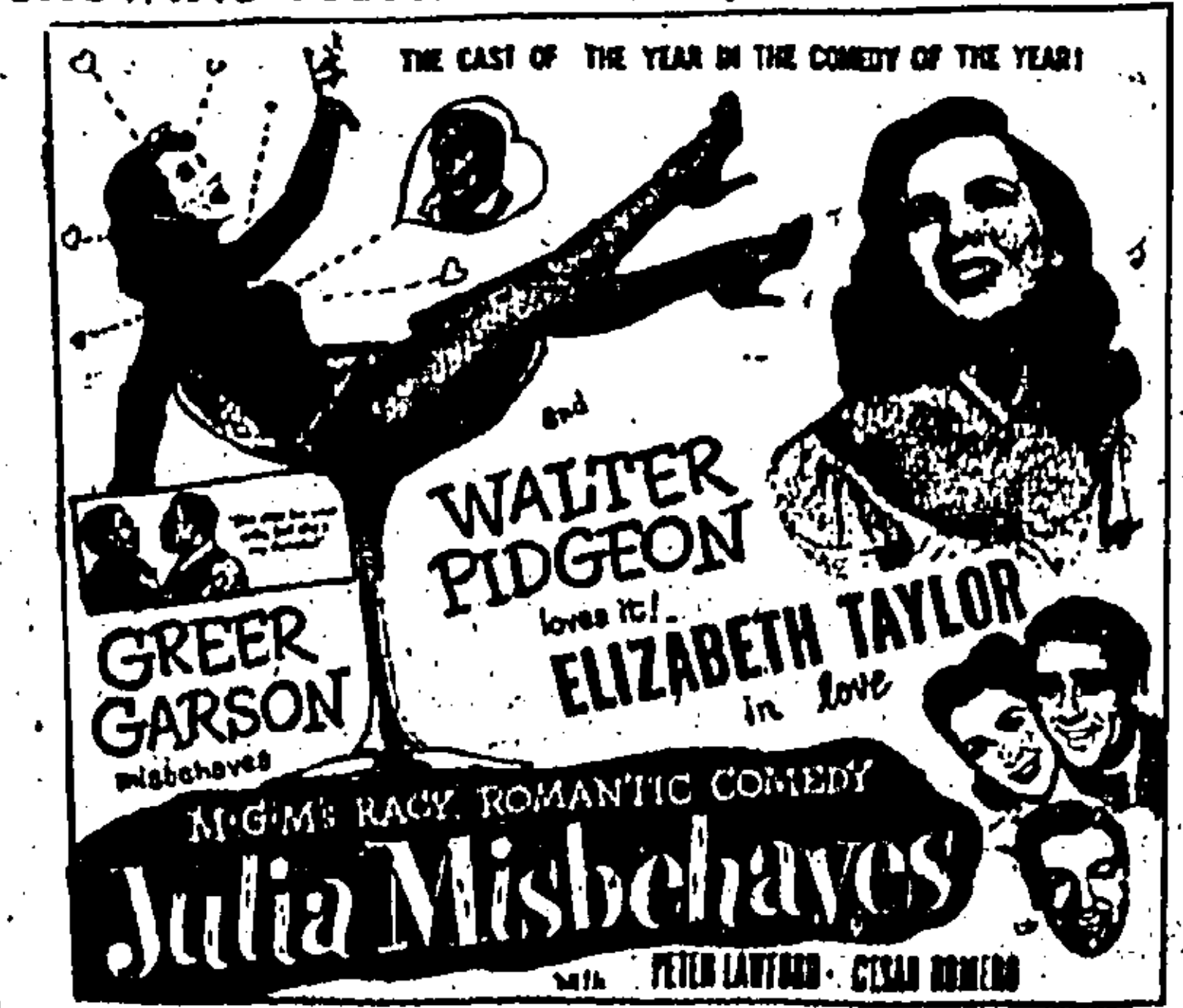
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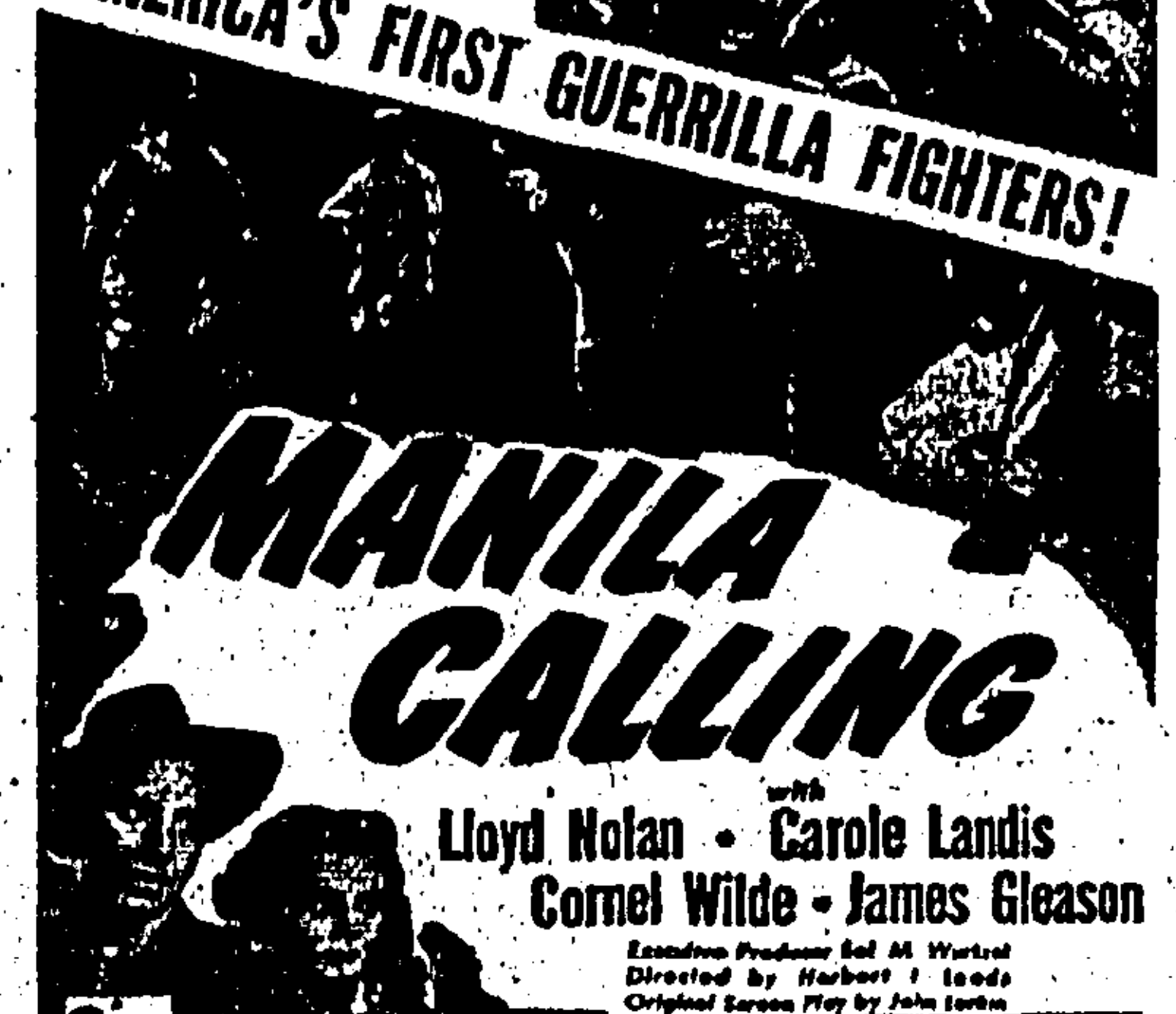


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It was a task set it by history, and when the time came it will settle its account with that reaction which is hiding beneath the cloak of the Catholic Church.

Trial of Strength

It was breath-takingly exciting to watch this gigantic trial of strength between Church and State during the first five months of 1948. The Government, which was gradually veering towards a dictatorship of the proletariat, tried to obtain the approval of the Church—the highest spiritual authority—for a regime which aimed at the suppression of natural rights and the freedom of humanity. The battle ended with the victory of the Government, but the moral victory nevertheless went to the Church which throughout, without wavering for one moment, remained true to its eternal vocation. It is Cardinal Mindszenty's merit that, during this perhaps the most tragic period of Hungary's history, the Roman Catholic Church was the only one which refused to render assistance to a political system which is fundamentally anti-human and anti-national, and upheld in the nation's mind its Christian and European vocation.

The phrase "the Roman Catholic Church has not acknowledged the Hungarian Republic" became a refrain in the speeches of the Hungarian Government. On January 10 the Budapest radio, quoting the spokesman of the Hungarian Foreign Office, said that the Government was quite willing to re-establish diplomatic relations with the Holy See, but only on condition that the Catholic Church accepted the Republic.

The Cardinal at once repudiated the charge, but since the Foreign Office refused to retract its statement, the Cardinal was forced to inform public opinion through the Magyar Courir, the semi-official organ of the Roman Catholic Church, that the statement made by the Foreign Office spokesman was a completely unfounded falsehood calculated to poison the atmosphere. The Cardinal had never, in fact, received communication from President Tildy. As for the re-establishment of the relations between the Holy See and Hungary, this might have been easily effected, but only after certain guarantees had been given to the Holy See.

Cardinal's View

It cannot be denied that Cardinal Mindszenty held the view that during the occupation of the country by an enemy power it was a constitutional absurdity to alter the form of government without consulting the people. Neither the Cardinal nor any competent authority of the Catholic Church, however, made any statement to the effect that the Catholic Church did not acknowledge the Republic. It had already spent three years under the republic and had been in permanent contact with all its exponents. At all events, the Catholic Church, the representative of the head of the State had always been accorded the traditional respect. In fact, it was the Catholic Church, headed by Cardinal Mindszenty, which had more than anybody else desired the re-establishment of the diplomatic relations with the Holy See which would have meant the acknowledgment of the republic by the highest international forum.

It is a well-known fact that it is not the Holy See that severed diplomatic contact with Hungary. What happened was that Monsignore Angelo Rotta, the Papal Nuncio to Budapest, was forced to leave the Hungarian capital after the entry of the Soviet troops. For this reason the Holy See did not even regard diplomatic relations with Hungary as severed; its attitude was that the "post of the representative was vacant." The usually well-informed Carlo Adam wrote the following in the January 22, 1948, issue of *L'Espresso*, the journal of the Italian Action

Catholica: "The basis for the re-establishment of diplomatic relations should be the acknowledgment on the part of the Hungarian Republic of the rights of the Roman Catholic Church."

The Holy See would have neglected its duty if, renouncing its own rights, it had formally acknowledged a government which attempted to achieve recognition without accepting the rights of the Church. This is the real crux of this difficult and delicate problem. The Communist Republic of Hungary tried to gain the approval of the Church in order to strengthen its Godless rule.

This applies equally to the other demands and demands of the Hungarian State. According to the off-repeated statements of Rakosi and other leaders of the Government, the Roman Catholic Church must purge itself of its reactionary hiding under its cloak. Though the word "reactionary" is capable of a large number of interpretations, its meaning on the lips of the Communist leaders is identical with "anti-Soviet" and "anti-Communist." In this sense, quite naturally, not only the Hungarian Catholic Church but the majority of Hungary's population is "reactionary." Should the charge be taken to imply that the Roman Catholic took up a stand against the important social reforms introduced by the new Hungarian democracy, then we must say that Hungarian Catholic leaders never raised any protest against any reforms likely to serve the interests of the country and its people. In connection with the agricultural reform, the Church asked for God's blessing for the new owners. In connection with the Three Year Plan, it gave the churches its solemn blessing to the tools which were to be used in the realization of the plan. For the nationalisation of economic matters, the Church made no declaration whatsoever, because in such matters it did not consider itself a competent authority. The main task of the Church is the propagation and defence of faith, morals and natural rights; an attempt to reform the economic order only by matter for the Church through ethical implications.

Not Admitted Openly

Beneath such rather hazily expressed demands on the part of the State, there was, however, a good deal that was not admitted openly. All its social and economic reforms were based on the Communist ideology and breathed the spirit of class struggle. The reform in the agricultural connection, we can now see that, apart from aiming at the total annihilation of a social class, it was merely the first step towards the introduction of the *Kolkhoz* and the collective system of agriculture. Economic nationalisation also aimed primarily at the annihilation of another social class and, together with the Three Year Plan, it was very much more than a sober and acceptable plan towards a planned economy. Its main aim was State capitalism and collectivism.

After the "Liberation" of 1945, when work had started again in the factories and workshops and the work of reconstruction had begun, with the joint effort of the owners and the workers, the Ministry of Trade and Industry had gained wide rights of control in the direction of industry, both in personnel and economic relations, through its industrial committees. After the nationalisation of 1948, the Ministry at once started to work out a new order relating to the industrial committees, restricting many of their rights and, in fact, changing them into a body representing the interests of the Communist trade unions. The Roman Catholic Church, in this connection, could do nothing more than bow to these social innovations, while expressing its criticism from the ethical point of view.

The polemics in the Press had been fought with very unequal means. The State had at its disposal its enormous number of newspapers, while the Roman Catholic Church had only one single weekly paper of four pages, poor in appearance, called *Uj Ember*.

The first basic argument of Catholicism was that an agreement between Church and State could not mean the compulsory withdrawal of the Catholic Church. If Hungarian "democracy" demanded peace between Church and State, this would obviously imply that the Church must continue its life outside the walls of its consecrated buildings. For this reason neither official Hungarian Catholicism, nor Hungarian society, could give up its moral possessions: its schools, compulsory religious instruction, religious life outside the churches and the right of organisation, even though this latter was rendered

doubtful by Government propaganda in its Press campaign. The Church could not surrender the property of its social organisations, its right to maintain a Catholic daily newspaper, to form a political party to represent its point of view and the maintenance of diplomatic relations with the Vatican. It could not cede the indivisible unity of hierarchy, clergy and believers. It was the wish of the Catholic Church and of society that the Government's declaration of its readiness for peace should cease to be made in equivocal and insinuating language, but that the head of the Church should receive an official invitation asking for a meeting and, at the same time, disclosing the subjects for discussion.

This invitation on the part of the State was long delayed. Meanwhile, the Government saw to it that various Roman Catholic organisations, such as the Boy Scouts, students and apprentice organisations, should be terrorised into making different declarations. These declarations all urged the leaders of the democratic movement, especially the Cardinal, to conclude a peace with the State, reproving the Cardinal for his "intransigent and hostile attitude towards democracy." Rakosi, in his speech at Mezo-Hegyves, said that the majority of Catholic leaders were not of the democratic spirit and that an anti-democratic agitation was being carried on in Roman Catholic schools. Those teachers of the Church schools who were of democratic conviction, he claimed, were persecuted by the Church, along with students, democratic feeling. He said, finally, that Hungarian democracy would not tolerate the persecution of the children of workers and peasants in Church schools because of their democratic convictions and proletarian origin. "We shall chase Hungarian reaction out of this stronghold, and in the process we shall be aided by those democratic Roman Catholics who desire an agreement between Church and State." This was a reference to those Catholic organisations which had been led into a fight against the Church through various methods of intimidation.

It was becoming clearer that the size and scope of an agreement between Church and State was to be the Church's obedient resignation to the confiscation of its schools. Rakosi, after the Social-Democratic Party had fused with the Communist Party on May 1, 1948, wrote a leading article in the corner daily paper of the Social Democrats in which he said that "one of the greatest tasks of the Peoples' Democracy is the solution of the school question within the current year." Gyula Ortutay, that elastic-minded Minister for Education, who must have regarded it as the greatest ambition of his life to be the man who had solved the problem of Church and State, at once followed up Rakosi's declaration, in obedience to the wishes of the Communist Party. Ortutay said that "historic development demands the gradual transference of education from the hands of the Church into the hands of the State."

These two declarations in the Press were only two of several



"Currency Conversion in Shanghai." But can they convert the speculators?

From the preparations going forward it would appear we intend holding the Chinese Communists at arms length.

The main abdications that take Chiang's henchmen abroad seem to be squanderlust and wanderlust...

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A friend not in need is a friend indeed.

"Hot and Humid." No, Myrtle, it's a weather story, not a publicity blurb about a bathing beauty.

"We are very grateful to Messrs. Robertson, Andrews, Smithson and Tomkins, who so ably filled our pulpit last month." It must look quite empty without them.

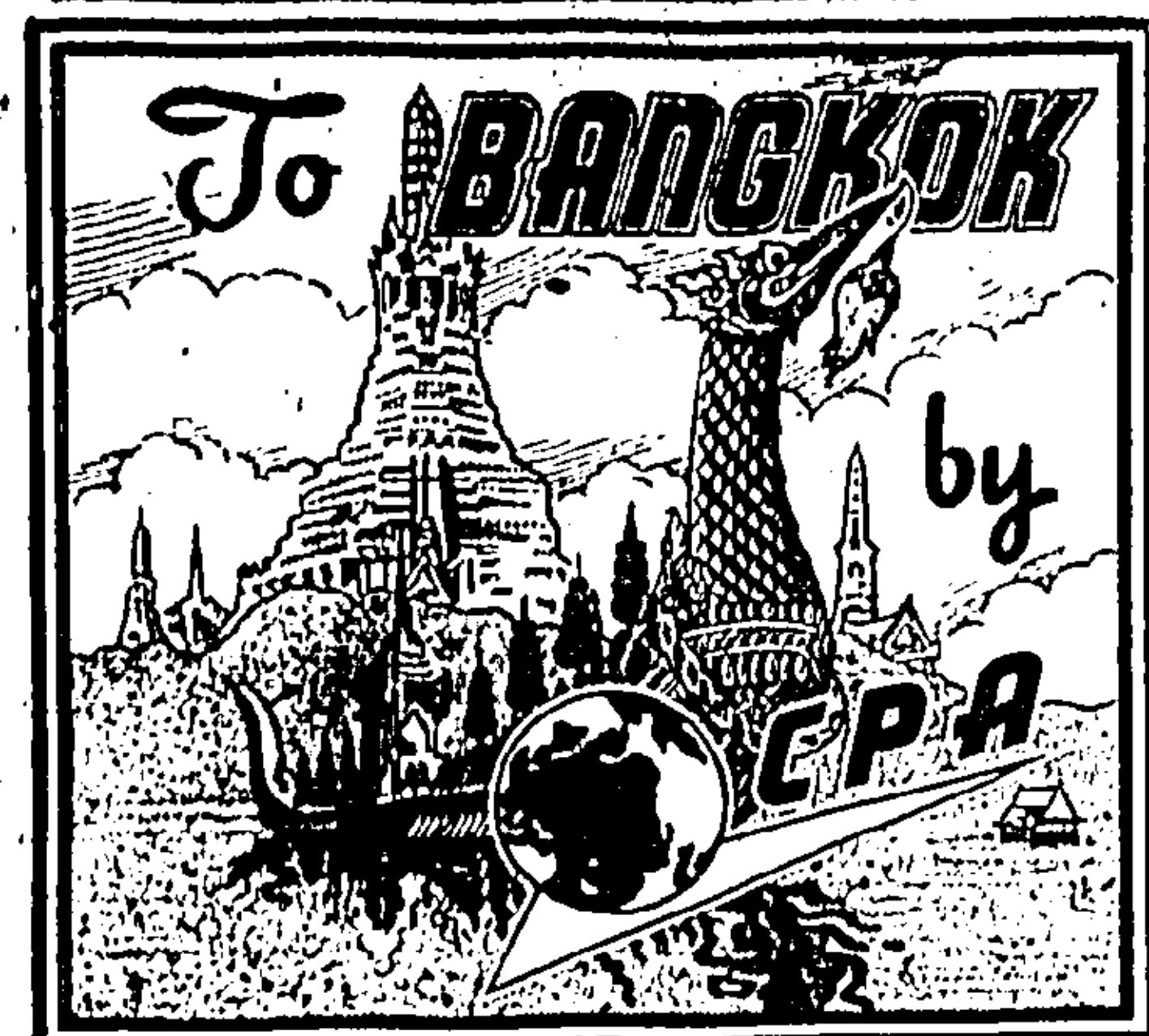
"To prevent suffocation, babies should never be allowed to lie face down on their backs, state officials of the Mothercraft Society." But if you don't watch them, the little beggars will find some way to do it.

The after-dinner speaker had talked for 20 minutes. "After partaking of such a meal," he continued, "I feel that if I had eaten any more I would be unable to talk." From the far end of the table came an order to the waiter: "Give him a sandwich."

I seem to detect a slight note of cynicism in the notice exhibited in a baker's shop window: "Pies like mother used to make—\$2. Pies like mother used to, think she made—\$3."

hundreds. The Church's reply was that there could be no opposition to peace, but that, instead of words and signatures of doubtful value and origin, there was a need of something far more concrete. It was very surprising that in the Government declarations there was not a word about the well-known grievances of the Church (diplomatic relations with the Vatican, a Catholic daily newspaper, censorship, etc.). And the Catholic Church could not regard the methods used by the Government to intimidate the Catholic youth movements as "means towards peace."

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SHANGHAI BLOCKADE

Hopes for an early resumption of trade and passenger service by sea with Shanghai received an unexpected setback last week with the reported mining of the Yangtze River mouth by Nationalist craft. While the report has not yet been definitely confirmed, it nevertheless has been responsible for halting all sea traffic to and from the Northern city.

Should the report be true, and the Nationalists have actually mined the approaches to the largest port in China, there is no need to underestimate the consequences of this action as far as Shanghai is concerned. The city depends for its power and light on an unhampered supply of fuel oil. Without fuel, the Shanghai power Company's generators must necessarily idle, paralysing the city's industries, blacking-out the homes and offices of six million people. Present fuel stocks of the Shanghai Power Company are running low and latest reports stress the urgency of replenishing them before they are exhausted.

The Communists evidently do not possess the necessary craft to sweep the river and clear a safety lane for ocean-going vessels, and one report states that a foreign shipping firm has radioed to foreign naval craft anchored outside the Yangtze to investigate the matter. Although this would appear to be the best way to determine whether mines have actually been laid, any such investigation would be "illegal" in view of the Communist warning against entry of foreign warships into Chinese territorial waters. Whether the alternative of a blockade port will induce the Communists to permit such interference on the grounds of humanitarian reasons remains to be seen.

Another interesting report tells of a "raid" by a lone Nationalist fighter plane on an area in the immediate vicinity of Lungwa airport. This action, together with the reported mining of the Yangtze River mouth, can lead to only one conclusion: that the Nationalist Government is seriously considering isolating the great metropolis and presenting the Communists with a major headache for which aspirins will hardly provide a cure.

The Nationalists are probably hoping by such action to create enough fertile ground for unrest to force the Communists to concentrate more of their military forces and administrative personnel on Shanghai than they had intended to. A city as unwieldy as Shanghai is more than a match for any municipal organisation in times of an economic crisis—a fact which the Nationalists learned for themselves only too well. Whether they will succeed, or whether such tactics will act as a boomerang and alienate what little affection is left for the Government among Shanghaiers, remains to be seen.

Calcutta, June 11. Thirty people are feared to have been drowned last night when a launch capsized in the Brahmaputra river near Gauhati in Assam. Eleven persons were rescued.—Reuters.

A SIMILAR statement was made by the Social Democrats.

The Hungarian public, however, did not know which was the more diabolical: Rakosi's own perfidy or the elastic skill of the Communist Party. Any Pharisee of the Bible would have blushed at Rakosi's hypocrisy when he said he had been under the impression that the Smallholders' Party—which included two priests—had already agreed with the Church leaders on this issue. Practically everybody knew that the Smallholders' Party, when it proposed the bill, did so under Communist pressure and hoping it chose the least of the evils of the Communist demands.

If we wish to be charitable towards the Smallholders' Party, then we could perhaps add that the party knew that Hungarian public opinion would never accept the bill and, in demanding it, hoped to disarm the Communists. All this is not very important, but Hungarian Catholics saw with the satisfaction of victory that Rakosi, who was a good judge of Hungary's feelings and of the reactions of public opinion abroad, had decided that further pressing of the proposition was not timely. Hungary's Communist leader, however, had not forgotten his two defeats in connection with religious schools and it was to be expected that when the opportunity presented itself the Communist Party would try to realise its ambitions in this direction. Apparently it was the year 1948 which seemed for the Communists a suitable moment when the strained relations of the great world into two zones almost guaranteed a free hand to a Communist Party on the East side of the Iron Curtain.

Libellous Campaign

From January 1948 the initiation of a campaign of highly libellous propaganda against the Roman Catholic schools in the Soviet-inspired Hungarian Press coincided with vague signs of readiness on the part of the Government to make "peace" with the Roman Catholic Church.

It was typical and significant that no official invitation ever reached the Church till May 16, 1948, when Ortutay, the Minister for Education, announced his intention of nationalising the Church schools. This was a call for the Catholic Church to accept the Government's wish, as this had been accepted—after a brave struggle and a good deal of intimidation—by the Protestant Churches. It was very typical that the discussions between Rakosi and Gyula Csapik, the Archbishop of Eger, in the spring of 1948, ended without result. The same thing happened again in September 1948, after which Csapik left for Rome to visit the Vatican. During his absence the anti-Roman Catholic campaign, far from abating, flared up again.

At Czapik's return to Hungary, the Communists used terrorist methods to prevent the regular, yearly pilgrimage. At the same time, Joseph Reval, the chief ideologist of the party and editor of the official Communist newspaper, in a speech, gave the signal for "materialism to people direct action against clericalism." In the course of whole flood of speeches, with which the Communist leaders inundated Hungary during the first half of 1948, the most significant was Rakosi's declaration on January 10, addressed to the leaders of the Communist Party in which he said that it was the task for the year 1948 to settle the relations of Church and State. Rakosi said: "We must put an end to the impossible situation in which the enemies of the Hungarian people find shelter under the cloak of the Church in general and that of the Roman Catholic Church in particular. For three years the young Hungarian democracy has done everything to include the Catholic Church in the work of national rebuilding. Its endeavours, however, have all been in vain. The majority of the leaders of the Catholic Church—headed by Cardinal Mindszenty—have not yet accepted the republican form of the Hungarian Government. Hungarian democracy has so far

SETTLING OF BERLIN RAILWAY STRIKE SEEN

Four-Power Terms Offered To Strikers Trains May Start Today

Berlin, June 12.

The American Military Government asked 14,000 anti-Communist railway workers on Saturday to accept four-power terms for ending the 22 day Berlin railway strike.

A letter from Brigadier General Frank L. Howley to the striking Union, UGO, disclosed he had negotiated a settlement with the Soviet Military Administration.

It said that the four occupation powers, the Soviet controlled Reichsbahn and the West Berlin City Government had agreed on meeting nearly 100 per cent of the workers' demands for full wages in highly valued West Marks.

Oil Finds Complicate Peace Talks

Vienna, June 11. Russian engineers today made new oil discoveries in the Vienna basin which will add to Austria's peace treaty and trading headaches, according to informed United States oil authorities.

They said the finds would increase the Russians' reluctance to conclude the Austrian treaty and thus deprive Austria of trading her own oil.

They said the Soviet engineers recently brought on two new wells in the Matzen area which Austrian and American oil authorities say produce 130 to 150 tons daily.

The sources said the oil the Russians are taking from the Matzen field and the other Austrian oil source, Zistersdorf field, is being shipped North to supply the Soviet fleet and to the large refinery at Stettin.

Refined products from Stettin are going to Western European countries for dollars which the Russians use to purchase American equipment to expand American oil fields.

American oilmen said the Russians also pour Austrian oil "out the back door" through their Soviet-administered properties in Eastern Austria and into Czechoslovakia and Poland.

The oil pouring through Czechoslovakia in the past two months was estimated at 25,000 tons. Austria is the third largest source of oil in Europe. Last year the Vienna basin produced not quite a million tons. The new wells will increase this production to more than the 1,000,000-ton mark.—United Press.

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Eden Suffers Sunstroke

Warwick, June 11. Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, collapsed twice in Warwick Castle Park this afternoon while addressing a meeting of the United Nations Association.

After receiving medical attention he was able to walk back to Warwick Castle.

Mr. Eden was believed to have had a mild sunstroke. He was reaching the end of his speech when he put his hand to his forehead and fell backwards. People on the platform caught him. After a moment or two Mr. Eden said, "I am all right" and tried to continue his speech but after a few more words he began to fall again.

Mr. Eden recovered and later fulfilled an engagement at Leamington. He showed no further signs of being unwell.—Reuter.

Burma Govt Troops Battle Reds

Rangoon, June 11. Burma Government troops rushed to the Assam border and fought a running gun battle with Communist insurgents who had blown up bridges on the Chindwin river, 20 miles from the border, the army radio reported tonight. Six Communists were killed.

The Government soldiers were sent from Kalemyo, on the Imperial route into Assam, Northward towards Mawlaik. The radio added that on the Tensarim coast, government provost units, combating Moulmein for concealed arms, had made a haul of rifles and hand grenades.

The local population of the central Burma oil-town of Yen-an-yang were giving a tremendous welcome to the Government troops re-occupying it, a government communication reported tonight.

Yen-an-yang, 360 miles North West of Rangoon, was captured last night from insurgent White Guard members of the People's Volunteer Organisation, who had been in control of the town for four months.

Retreated

The insurgents are believed to have retreated to Minbu, 40 miles to the South.

Tonight's communiqué reported that Tgyyazing, 100 miles up-river from Mandalay, had fallen to the insurgents after a day-long battle. The garrison had put up a gallant resistance until their ammunition was exhausted, the communiqué said.

In the delta district of Maubin, fighting has broken out between Buddhists and Karen Christians after the murder of a Karen Buddhist monk, the communiqué added.

An internal battle among Karens was raging in several villages, it stated. In Arakan, Moslem insurgents continued to surrender to peace missions, the communiqué stated.—Reuter.

Youth Suspect In Robbery

London, June 11. Nineteen year old George Frederick Thatcher was charged in London today with being concerned in robbing Lady Brooke, former Rance of Sarawak.

It was stated that a brooch belonging to the ex-Rance was found in his room.

The charge stated that the youth was concerned with two others not in custody. Fifteen sterling in notes, a gold cigarette case, a handbag and other articles worth £100 were taken from the Brooke's yesterday, when gunmen entered her London flat.

Thatcher was remanded in custody for a week.—Reuter.

UK Railway Workers Continue Strikes, Ignore Union Orders

London, June 12.

Striking railwaymen called their fourth consecutive Sunday strike last night on North-South lines of Britain's nationalised railways.

Drivers and firemen on long distance runs defied both the Labour government and their own union to strike for 24 hours, beginning midnight.

The government's statement issued after a Cabinet meeting on Friday night demanded an end to the Sunday unofficial strikes before negotiations on the engine drivers' complaint could be resumed.

The railwaymen are demanding that Summer work schedules requiring them to spend nights away from home be cancelled.

The government's statement to the strikers declared that the Sunday strikes against train schedules was holding up negotiations on a general 10 shilling-a-week pay increase now being considered for the entire railway industry.

Delay in negotiations on the pay increase has caused a crisis in railway labour relations which railway men describe as the most serious in years.

To Meet Tomorrow

Some 49,000 London workers have been called to a mass meeting on Monday to vote on whether to paralyse all of the capital city's surface and underground railways with a strike.

Meanwhile, Union leaders called a mass meeting of strikers in Liverpool, Bristol and Avonmouth for today to discuss the latest strike situation.

The stevedores in these West coast ports have been on strike for three weeks in protest against the suspension of some men for refusing to unload Canadian ships involved in a strike of seamen against ship owners.

Eighty-seven ships, most of them carrying food cargoes, have been held up by the strike. Troops have been sent into the strike-bound ports to unload perishable cargoes.

Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, made a radio appeal to both railway and dock strikers on Saturday night to end their stoppages.

"These unofficial strikes," he declared, "only lead to loss and inconvenience to our people besides doing untold harm to the cause of trade unionism."

Mr. Isaacs said that the seamen's strike, which caused the tie-up of West coast ports, was begun by the Canadian Seamen's Union which he described as being dominated by Communists.

"There you have the key," he declared. "Communists in this country are doing their best to mislead the workers into supporting a union which is dominated by Communists. Already 97 ships are held up. Is it realised what a dead loss this is to us?"—Associated Press.

IRREGULARS HOLDING PAOSHAN

Rangoon, June 11. Chinese irregulars—not Communists—today held Paoshan, strategic Burma Road town in the Chinese province of Yunnan, about 90 miles from the Burmese frontier, according to Dr. Tu Yuen Tan, Chinese Ambassador in Rangoon.

Dr. Tu told Reuter that the Burma road was clear on both sides of Paoshan and he had heard from Kunming that the Yunnan Government was taking steps to clear the whole area.

As far as he knew, the irregulars were not Communists. A number of British and Swedish missionaries have left Yunnan, but some have chosen to stay, the Ambassador said.

The Swedish Consul-General in Rangoon said that a large number of Swedish missionaries were feared to be trapped in Paoshan. A Swedish official said that a party of Swedish missionaries was evacuated from Yunnan last month, but nothing had been heard of the rest, numbering about 100, who were mostly in the Paoshan area.

Reports reaching here said that a group of British missionaries, who recently passed through Rangoon, left Yunnan on the advice of the British consulate in Kunming.—Reuter.

French Claim FIC Success

Salon, June 11. A French military communiqué today claimed that more than 500 Vietminh troops were killed and 130 taken prisoner in a week-long land, sea and air operation by French forces in the plain of rushes about 60 miles from Saigon.

It said that the operation ended successfully on Wednesday. The French forces included paratroopers and were supported by a Vietnamese battalion.

Vietminh installations were destroyed and considerable quantities of material captured.

The communiqué added that a convoy of 23 Vietminh junks, carrying war material, was destroyed by a French warship off central Annam.—Reuter.

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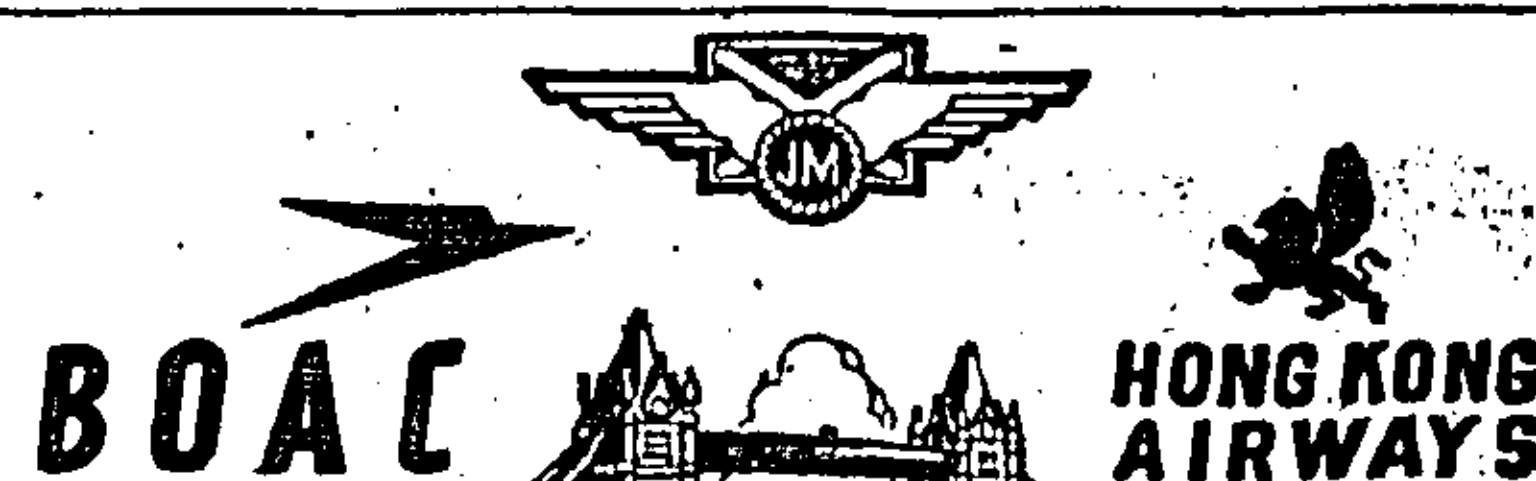
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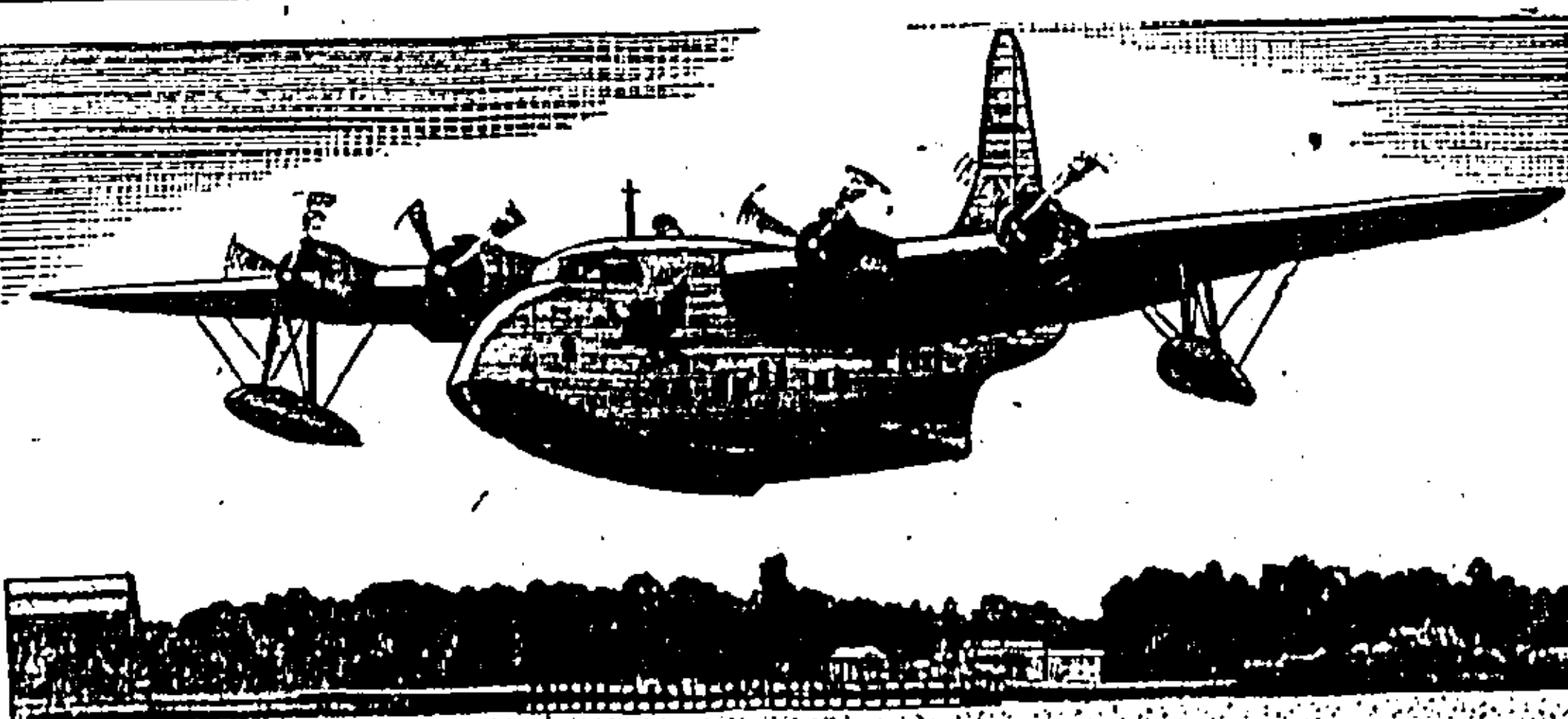
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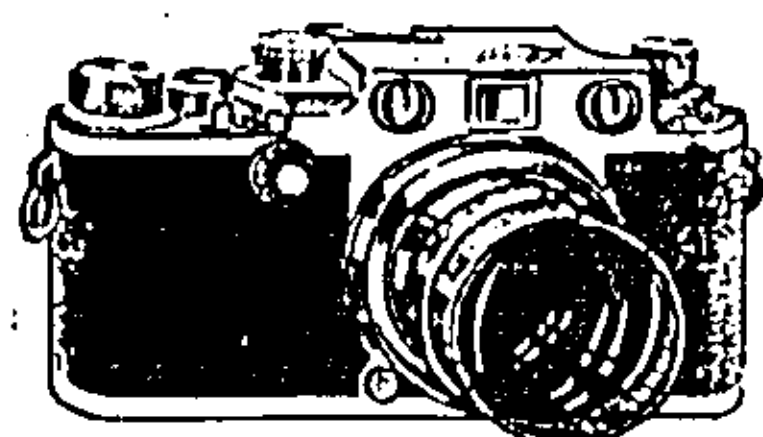
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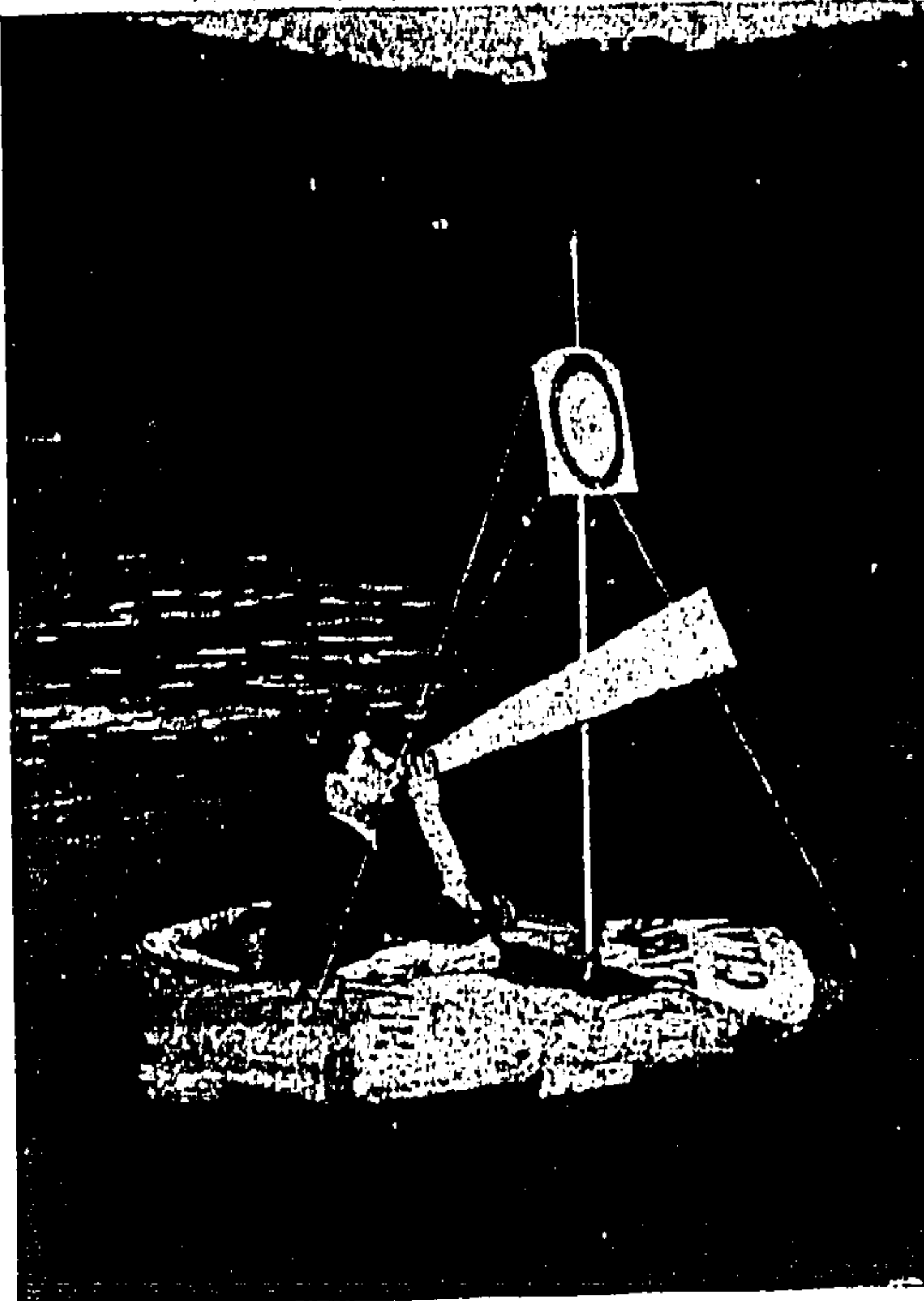
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Mr. Ewan Cameron, 19-year-old Londoner, paddles his
canoe on the Brussels Canal, opposite the Petit-Chateau
Prison. Through his megaphone he is yelling protests against
the detention, in the prison, of Mr. Anders Clarin. They
are both members of the Direct Action Corps of the World
Citizen Movement. Clarin was jailed, when sent back to
Brussels after trying to enter Britain as a passportless World
Citizen.—(AP Photo).

Chicago Successful In Fighting Death

Chicago, June 12.
This big American city is fighting death in the
streets.

A rebuilt task force of traffic police is striving to cut
down the heavy loss of lives in traffic accidents.

The score shows that so far—
they are winning the grim battle.
During the first six full months
of the campaign, 225 men,
women and children were killed.
That is a large figure. But it is
67 below the toll of 202 for the
corresponding months last year.

Fatalities went down in
Chicago while they rose for the
U.S. as a whole. What's more,
the decrease was recorded despite
a 12 per cent increase in the
number of vehicles on the streets.

For contrast, in 1947 Chicago
had 508 traffic deaths. Mayor
Martin H. Kennelly called in
Franklin M. Kreml, director of
the Traffic Division of the Inter-
national Association of Chiefs of
Police (IACP).

IACP experts had helped De-
troit, Los Angeles, and other
cities. This was their toughest
job. Mr. Kreml, young trim ex-
policeman found: "The traffic
force was understaffed. It lacked
motorized equipment. There was
little or no training. The courts
were too lenient; the city's
traffic record was the worst in
the country."

More Policemen
A plan was drafted. Changes
were made. The number of
policemen assigned to traffic
work was increased from 560 to
1,000. They were given special
training. The small motor fleet
was built up to 341 cars and two
and three wheel motor-cycles.
Most of them were equipped with

Thousands Caught
The police caught thousands.
Many motorists complained that
they had been tagged without
good reason.
Summonses for traffic offences
and arrests in the first six full
months added up to 240,893. On
a recent Saturday morning, 2,800
persons paid fines at the Viola-
tions Bureau.—Associated Press.

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MISLEADING STORIES ON WEALTH OF ANTARCTICA

Sydney, June 11.
Fantastic stories appearing in popular scientific
magazines in the United States about the so-
called untold mineral wealth of Antarctica
are giving the world a misleading and complete-
ly unrealistic picture of the Southern continent.
Such headlines as "Nations Race for Antarctic
Uranium," or "Secret Plans to Bore Thousands
of Feet through Ice," are highly coloured
and imaginative.

Articles on these lines were in-
cluded in a pile of magazines
taken with the Australian ex-
pedition to Heard Island. They
were a source of intense amuse-
ment to all members of the ex-
pedition.

Nowhere could there be
found greater admirers of the
magnificent work done by Ad-
miral Byrd and his colleagues
than among the Australian ex-
pedition men, but such stories
detract from real scientific value
of the work done by the Amer-
icans.

Scientists have found little
evidence of mineral wealth in
the Antarctic. The expense of
exploring the existing discov-
eries might well exceed the
cost of the Manhattan project
(\$2,000,000,000).

To understand the enormous
difficulties involved in the
mineral exploitation of the
Southern continent requires only
a simple knowledge of physio-
graphy.

Apart from the ever-shifting
mont of pack ice and ice-bergs

—a hundreds of miles girdle
around the continent—the land
mass is a vast ice-sheet thou-
sands of feet thick. Only the
highest mountains remain un-
buried.

Australian scientists who
accompanied Scott's and
Shackleton's expeditions 40
years ago found iron, copper
and coal deposits. Mawson's
party found iron, copper and
molybdenum, but there have
not yet been found deposits
that would be commercially at-
tractive.

Colossal Task
The remoteness of the con-
tinent and the conditions that
would have to be overcome by
any organisation endeavouring to
conduct an industrial undertaking
there would make the task
colossal.

Even if the Antarctic regions
were to hold great wealth, to
locate it and mine it under pre-
sent-day conditions would seem
to be impossible.

Publication of stories which
exaggerate the mineral wealth of

the Antarctic are therefore
grossly misleading. The truth of
the matter is that few, if any,
of these claims have been made by
scientists who had been on An-
tarectic expeditions.

Quite a few scientists consider
the Antarctic coal measures will
not be worked until those of the
rest of the world have been ex-
hausted.

Much of the Antarctic con-
tinent resembles the uranium-
bearing district of the Arctic, but
to say that it therefore contains
deposits of uranium and vast
quantities of other raw materials
is a just guesswork.

It will be many years before
the entire continent has been
geologically surveyed.

Similar misconceptions exist
about the potentialities of the
continent as an aviation base for
flying great circle routes in the
Southern Hemisphere. Flying is
possible with reasonable security
only in October and November.
At other times conditions are
most uncertain.

Interest of different nations in
Antarctica itself is being attrib-
uted to the desire to establish
bases for defence purposes—such
as strategic air or naval bases,
or testing grounds for sub-zero
warfare.

Argentina and Chile claim
their share of Antarctica merely
because, in their opinions, the
section south of South America
is a continuation of South
America and therefore a con-
tinuation of Chilean and Argen-
(Continued on Col. 8)

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WHY'S EVERYBODY
QUEUING THIS WAY
ROUND?

CAN'T YOU SEE—
THE GUNS COME
OUT!

Tanner's worth!

THE GREAT HOAX IS OVER—TRADER
TED AND ZARK ARE LED OFF TO
FACE MURDER CHARGES.

TOMORROW—
FAIR AND
WARMER—THIS IS
YOUR FRIENDLY
FRIEND
B-B-N-Y.

MANDRAKE BIDS THEM FAREWELL
—THE JUNGLE SETTLES BACK
TO NORMAL—

AND DREADED QUEEN EBOBY
IS GONE—AND ALMOST
FORGOTTEN.

RIP KIRBY

I'LL THROTTLE YOU
IF YOU DO, FAT BOY! I
ASKED A COUPLE
OF YOUNG MARRIEDS...
AND SOME OF MOTHER'S
FRIENDS... TO MEET MISS
DORIAN... NOW ABOUT
SOME OF YOUR OLD
FLAMES, STU?

NOT EVEN NANETTE!
YOU WERE PRETTY
GONE ON HER,
ONCE...

NOT EVEN
NANETTE!
BY THE WAY,
WHAT EVER
BECAME OF
HER?

OH, SHE'S VERY MUCH
AROUND... HER LATEST IS A
RICH COFFEE KING—HE'S
MAD ABOUT HER... AND SO
JEALOUS HE'LL FIGHT IF
YOU TIP YOUR HAT
TO HER!

THAT
WHOLE
CROWD
IS BAD
MEDICINE!
I'M THROUGH
WITH THEM

I WANT TO SPEAK TO MR.
SANCHEZ, PLEASE... TELL HIM
IT'S DINAH BEAUMONT!

JOHNNY HAZARD

SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE FURIOUS...
BUT... I JUST CAN'T HELP LAUGHING!
RAGE! MR. HAZARD, ONE MORE DON'T
VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE REMAINDER
OF THE CROCKERY! JUST SEE THAT
JACKIE GETS TO BED!

JANE

I FEEL—HAW—A LITTLE
WOMAN LIKE YOU NEEDS
AN EXPERIENCED MAN
AT HER SIDE WHEN
SHE—HAW—RIDES
TO HOUNDS—WHAT?

YES, SIR
HARRY,
BUT

IF YOU'LL—HAW—
ACCEPT ME AS YER
HUSBAND I'LL TAKE
GAYBOY CHASE
OFF YER HANDS
AND—

I'VE NO
DOUBT YOU
WOULD
SIR HARRY,
BUT

DON'T SAY I
HAVE A RIVAL
IN THE FIELD!

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Cow's Lunch May Affect Your Taste

San Francisco, June 12.
A cow's lunch can leave a bad
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You do not have to share her
feed, or even be anywhere near
her. The undesirable flavour of
feed—hay for example—can
turn up in your bottle of milk.
People with a keen sense of taste
and smell can detect it.

Because so many things can
affect the flavour of milk, the
dairy cows which supply most
large cities have become regu-
lated.

The Grade A dairy cow must
take her hay at certain times of
day. She must not graze too
late in the afternoon. She may
have to eat carrots. If she is
about to go dry, she must be
put with other cows not near
the end of the milk-giving period.

The delicacy of milk flavour
also aims to the dairyman.
He must not allow the milk to
come into contact with copper
or iron. He must not allow the
fumes of petrol, paraffin, tobacco
or fly spray in the barn during
milking time. He must keep the
milk away from contact with
fish or fruit.

The milk must not stand in
warm places or in sunlight; it
must not go through abrupt
changes in temperature. It must
not be shaken violently on the
way to market.

A few hundred people with
sharp tastes and keen noses are
checking up constantly on dairy
cow conduct. They can tell
pretty well what a cow has been
doing simply by sipping some
of her milk.

Utilising these discriminating
human palates, the big dairy
companies have virtually stand-
ardised the taste of milk.—Asso-
ciated Press.

tinian territories.

Both these questions are be-
yond the realms of the scientists.
To them the wealth of the An-
tarctic lies in its vast field of
study—meteorology, cosmic rays,
marine biology, lacology and
geology.—United Press.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR



One feature of the recently held Canadian International Trade Fair was this line of feminine pulchritude, each pretty girl wearing her native costume. From left to right are representatives of France, Scotland, Norway, Canada, Holland, China, Italy and Sweden.

Colonial Supplies Meeting

London, June 11.
Mr. David Rees Williams, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, yesterday opened the Colonial Supplies Conference at Church House in London.

Mr. A. D. Stuchbury of the Malayan Civil Service represents the Malayan Federation, Singapore, Sarawak and Brunei, and Mr. E. Himsforth, Director of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. Grimwood of the Hong Kong Government Office in London, were present for Hong Kong. They will join with 34 other representatives from all over the Colonial Empire in discussions on the entire field of supplies from the United Kingdom to the Colonial territories.

The Conference will last until June 17. The delegates will have before them reports on the availability of supplies of consumer goods and capital equipment, and the demands for them from almost all the Colonies.

Insufficient progress has been made with the territorial schemes in the Colonies in the past three years due mainly to the scarcity of raw materials, capital goods and technical staffs. The position is now little easier.

It is hoped to increase the supplies of the vital materials such as steel, cement, fertilisers and building materials in the near future.

The Economic Department of the Colonial Office has been entirely overhauled and reorganised, and is now working very smoothly. Four economic liaison officers have been appointed—roughly one for each quarter of the Colonial Empire. Their duty is to keep the Colonial territories constantly in touch with the views of the Colonial Office and bring back the views of local legislative councils and where need be seek out manufactured goods in short supply which the Colonies need.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godown where they will be examined in the presence of Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on June 17, 1949, at 10 a.m.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when examining damaged dutiable goods. All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter within fourteen days of the ship's arrival, or they will not be recognized.

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Conditions Improve For Investment Of Foreign Capital In Japan Trade

Tokyo, June 11.

Conditions governing the investment of foreign capital in Japan are slowly improving and future prospects are bright, writes the influential English language newspaper, "Nippon Times." The abnormal post-war conditions have resulted in an inevitable system of official controls in Japan which are particularly annoying to foreign businessmen accustomed to freer trade conditions. But steps have recently been taken by the Japanese Government which should prove a welcome inducement to foreign investors, the paper said.

1.—Revisions in the Trade Union Law and the Labour Relations Adjustment Law. These revisions serve to check abuses which have hitherto characterised the activities of many Japanese labour unions. Irresponsible labour agitators no longer be able to tie up industry through unreasonable dispute tactics, said the "Nippon Times." The consequent increased stability should prove a distinct inducement in encouraging foreign investments.

Anti-Monopoly

2.—Amendments to the Anti-Monopoly Law. When these amendments go into effect early next month, it will facilitate the negotiating of business between foreign and Japanese concerns. The existing severe restrictions governing the owning of stock of one company by another company will be relaxed. Relations between parent and subsidiary companies will be liberalised, and foreign investors will be able to hold interest in Japanese concerns with the full assurance that their secret processes and techniques will be safeguarded.

3.—The Economic De-Concentration Law. The original fear that this law would disturb the nation's economic organisation have proved groundless. The De-Concentration Law is nearing completion of the task of breaking up excessive concentrations of economic power, and very few business concerns have been directly affected. Although some may regard the steps taken so far as inadequate, the fact remains that progress is being made.

being made in the right direction which should soon bring full satisfaction to those concerned with foreign aid in Japan's economic recovery, the "Nippon Times" said.—Reuter.

JAGUAR SHOT ABOARD STEAMER

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, June 11.

Marine authorities boarded the Belgian steamer Christian Shield on her arrival here today from South America and shot a jaguar which had escaped from its cage and terrorised the passengers on the high seas. The jaguar was one of a collection of wild animals for Northern Europe. Today's shooting was done at

SEEKING CHINESE TEA TRADE

Paris, June 12.
France is trying to speed business with the Chinese Communists because her Arab subjects in Morocco and Tunisia like China tea.

A Foreign Office spokesman said on Saturday that one of the tasks of French trade missions now in China is to obtain quick supplies of China tea because the local populations of North Africa grow restless when they have to drink anything else.

"Regular supplies of green tea are very important to us," he declared.

Main source of China tea is North China, now under the control of the Chinese Communists.

China tea differs from that which Britons and Europeans drink in being extremely weak and possessing a delicate aroma. It is consumed without milk and sugar.

Meanwhile, British sources disclosed that a senior member of the British diplomatic mission to China has also made contact with the Chinese Communists and is discussing future trade relations with them.—Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 11.

Wheat advanced and feed grains slumped on the Board of Trade on Friday. Wheat closed 3/8 to 3/4 higher.

July	1.94 1/2-5/8.
September	1.94 7/8-1.95.
December	1.96 1/4-3/8.
March	1.90 5/8-3/4.
Corn 7/8 to 1-1/4 lower.	
July	1.94 1/2-5/8.
Oats 1-1/8 to 1-1/4 lower.	
July	53 5/8.
Soybeans 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher.	
July	\$2.21 3/4-\$2.22.

—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, June 11.

The stock market sank quietly lower. The Financial Times index fell to a low for the year at 104, off 5. Oil-edged securities and industrial securities both fractionally lower. Oils suffered initial losses but recovered. Kaffirs were irregular, with dividend payers holding firm.—Associated Press.

The request of the captain who had radioed in advance a warning to the authorities yesterday, saying that a jaguar was at large in the ship.—Reuter.

Dollar Shortages Used To Protect Textiles

New York, June 12.

Many countries have been using dollar shortages to protect their own young and inefficient textile industries by throttling imports, said William de Min of New York, President of the Textile Export Association.

Mr. de Min said the American textile industry could supply world markets with twice or three times as much goods as they now take.

Restrictions born of currency difficulties, he said, are hampering world trade while world production of textiles is increasing swiftly.

Mr. de Min said the nation's textile industry must export at least 10 per cent of its output if it is to continue operations at the average rate of the past decade.

At present, he added, shipments are running above 10 per cent but that is 10 per cent of a greatly reduced production from peak years.

Mr. de Min said dollar shortages are at the base of the insuperable barriers to trade that have been erected in recent years by nearly all of the world's markets.

Until the world currency situation is stabilized, he said, there will be no substantial improvement in the movement of goods.

"In order to correct these currency problems, many countries are seriously considering the devaluation of their currencies. It seems almost certain the value of European currencies will be readjusted downwards in the near future."

"This means that the cost of our goods to consumers overseas will be increased."

"Shipments to Europe will be affected first, but the headaches will spread."

"There is no doubt the orderly behaviour of the cotton goods market over the last six months had been due in some measure to the stabilising influence of rather substantial export sales. You can readily imagine what the state of this market would be right now if exports had sagged to the same extent as 'domestic demand'—Associated Press.

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s.s. "CORFU"	2nd September	4th October
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BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

IN MY LOG:

Nature Lends Hand In Harbour Show

Rain or shine, the show must go on. Last week saw yours truly prowling as usual along the Praya under sweltering sky or under torrential down-pours.

It was during the height of a thunderstorm that we witnessed a spectacular weather phenomenon from a vantage point which commanded a panoramic view of the Harbour.

As the torrents drenched the Colony—a welcome break in our heat wave—a misty shroud gradually began to envelop the Harbour. Suddenly like a whip lash, a dazzling thunderbolt flashed, striking the water near Kowloon's Big Ben.

Then the inevitable resounding crash. That seemed to be the overture to the brief but breath-taking drama.

The blanketing mist became opaque. To those along the Praya, sheltering on the pavements, ships mooring in midstream and the mainland appeared to dissolve gradually into this air.

For a time everything in the Harbour, except of course several small craft lying alongside the Praya, was blotted from sight.

A flock in our room struck 12—it was so ominous in the death-like silence then.

Simultaneously, from the naval anchorage salvoes of gunfire echoed. (They were from ILM ships honoring King's Birthday.)

Curiously enough, that turned out to be the "Open sesame". The torrents abated in fury. The mist lifted. Things began to materialize.

Ghost-like objects took more solid forms. Ships, buoys and the mainland rapidly regained their original shape.

And the drizzle pattered on steadily.

Calling all Merchant Marine Seamen! Take Bus No. 5 (10 cents) from the Star Ferry Kowloon Terminus and drop off at the Gun Club Hill stop.

That'll bring you to your own Club house—Merchant Navy Club, Chatham Road.

Everyone of you automatically becomes a member as soon as your ship enters port.

Snacks and refreshments (soft or hard) at the Bar, a cosy reading room and indoor games are among the facilities provided.

More recreational items are in the making. They include tennis courts, billiards, music and ping pong.

Tell your friends all about it!

"Tickets, please"—we seldom hear of this nowadays at the ferry piers.

Perhaps the inspectors are now capable of recognising all commuters by their looks or by little characteristics as those possessing monthly tickets.

But then with so many newcomers during the past few months, we wonder...

It was when we heard that familiar cry that we found (without chagrin) our doubt justified.

Several "ticket holders" had to be politely directed to the turnstiles. One or two had forgotten to carry their tickets. Yesterday alone saw more than 15 persons "turned away".

(Of course, it's none of our business whether it is necessary or not for the inspectors to have to strain their larynges. But what about changing the sign "All Tickets Must Be Produced" to "Please Show Your Ticket Before You Enter"?)

Still on the Star Ferry... A newcomer from the Straits became apprehensive when the fully loaded Northern Star listed heavily as she manoeuvred to berth alongside Kowloon Pier.

We managed to convince him of the absolute safety of this craft and assured him that no such accident as he had imagined had ever occurred in the Colony's annals, and probably never will. (Yet, we dread to visualize his sneaking thoughts.)

It was great fun to the group of some 12 streeturchins swimming at the Marine Office Pier.

one sunny evening during the week.

The trouble started when a sturdy, sun-tanned lad swam out to the Kau Shing Buoy about 300 yards away from the Praya.

Splashing his way through, he reached it safely.

A few minutes after this feat our attention was drawn again to the sporting arching when cries of "Save Life" reached us. The lad sitting on the buoy was gesticulating wildly and asking his friends to get him ashore.

They laughed and yelled at him for his "bravery" instead.

He yelled, stormed and cried... That apparently softened their hearts. Three urchins commandeered a small craft nearby and rescued the weeping lad.

(He had toe cramps.)

Incidentally, that brings back memories of the Government "typhoon" launch Kau Shing. Translated from its Chinese name, it is "rescue (Kau) tug (shing)".

The Kau Shing was used long before the war as a craft to rescue any vessel in distress during typhoon in the Harbour. She was moored off the Marine Office at the buoy which is known by her name.

The craft was damaged by one of the Colony's disastrous typhoons during the 30s. She was blown ashore at Tsun Wan.

With a wealth of data, diagrams and pictures, the 72-page annual issued by the Swedish Shipping Gazette presents an exhaustive and interesting survey of developments featuring Swedish shipping during 1948.

According to the statistics given by the publication of the official organ of the Swedish Shipowners Association, Sweden's merchant marine consists of 2,204 vessels aggregating 2,057,304 gross tons, which compared with 1947's fleet showed an increase of 146,103 tons.

Of the total fleet, 103 ships of 180,000 gross tons are now constructions built during the war or acquired from abroad. Sales abroad totalled 18 vessels of 30,368 gross tons.

Besides exchanging the usual greetings as they met in port yesterday, two APL liners—President Wilson and President Polk—swapped purses.

Due to the loss of Chief Purser Harry de Grandpre, who was reported to have jumped overboard en route from Manila, Mr. Harvey Street, chief purser of the vessel, the world cargo-passenger vessel, will take over on the President Wilson.

To fill his place aboard the President Polk, Assistant Purser Jack Hallman will be transferred from the President Wilson as chief purser.

The commanding of the President Polk has also been changed. Mr. William Weaver, veteran skipper of the APL, has retired to be replaced by Mr. William Magann, another APL "old hand".

THE OLD LANDMARK

Visitors entering port often wonder at the red brick structure at the West end of the Navy Dock.

It always surprises them to learn that it is the Colony's premier sports club—the Victoria Recreation Club—established about a century ago.

The VRC was originally organized for rowing and sea bathing. It was then situated on the shore where the South end of the Supreme Court is now.

The premises stretched out to sea as the reclamation progressed and since 40 years ago the present site stands.

As membership increased, the Club extended its activities and began to conduct athletic, boxing and billiard championships.

But gradually the activities were restricted to rowing and swimming. The last war destroyed rowing facilities. Since the liberation, swimming has been the main sport.

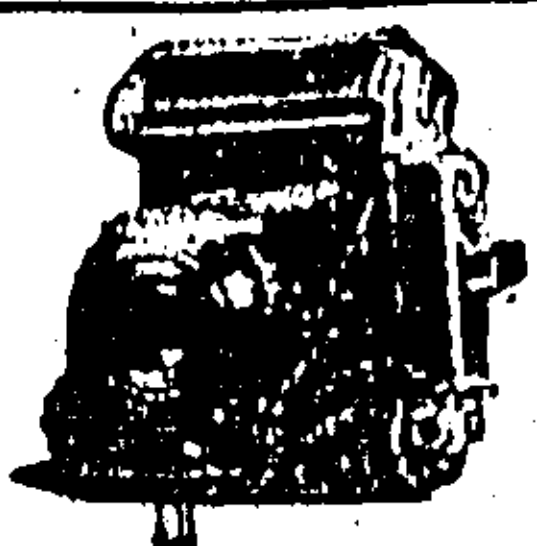
Membership reached the unprecedented peak of 548 in 1947 before the war. It did not reach more than half of that figure.

The Club's facilities today include a spacious indoor swimming pool, a 25-yard outdoor pool, a 100-yard outdoor pool, a 150-yard outdoor pool, a 200-yard outdoor pool, a 250-yard outdoor pool, a 300-yard outdoor pool, a 350-yard outdoor pool, a 400-yard outdoor pool, a 450-yard outdoor pool, a 500-yard outdoor pool, a 550-yard outdoor pool, a 600-yard outdoor pool, a 650-yard outdoor pool, a 700-yard outdoor pool, a 750-yard outdoor pool, a 800-yard outdoor pool, a 850-yard outdoor pool, a 900-yard outdoor pool, a 950-yard outdoor pool, a 1000-yard outdoor pool, a 1050-yard outdoor pool, a 1100-yard outdoor pool, a 1150-yard outdoor pool, a 1200-yard outdoor pool, a 1250-yard outdoor pool, a 1300-yard outdoor pool, a 1350-yard outdoor pool, a 1400-yard outdoor pool, a 1450-yard outdoor pool, a 1500-yard outdoor pool, a 1550-yard outdoor pool, a 1600-yard outdoor pool, a 1650-yard outdoor pool, a 1700-yard outdoor pool, a 1750-yard outdoor pool, a 1800-yard outdoor pool, a 1850-yard 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KBGC'S DEFEAT BY IRC CAUSES MINOR SURPRISE

Cerdan To Defend His Title

Detroit, June 12. Boxing fans here are looking forward to Detroit's first championship fight in a year and a half—the Marcel Cerdan-Jake La Motta bout on June 15.

Cerdan, the rugged world middleweight champion from Casablanca, and New York's tough La Motta will meet in a promotion of James D. Norris' Stadium Corp.

From the talk it appeared that Morris' group snatched the fight away from New York interests. It had been regarded as a clinch for Detroit as long as two weeks ago.

The terms indicated a gamble for Cerdan on the pay he will get for his first title defense since he knocked out Tony Zale for the crown last September.

He had his choice of US\$100,000 or 40 per cent, and he took the latter.

Cerdan's manager, Joe Longman, said they decided to play the percentage in place of a US\$100,000 guarantee because "our American representatives advised it."

Investigated Very Carefully

"They think we will make more money this way," Mr. Longman said. "We investigated very carefully."

La Motta agreed to 15 per cent. The take for both fighters also will include a 40-15 split on radio, movie, television or newsreel rights.

Mr. Longman said Detroit was chosen "because we got the best offer here."

"They are not very happy about it in New York," he added. Ringside seats on the playing field at Briggs Stadium will bring the capacity to 61,000. Ticket prices will scale downward from a tentative US\$320 top, said promoter Nick Lodges.

Both fighters were due back in Detroit June 1 to remain here for training up to fight time.

In a reported private agreement La Motta, he wins, will give Cerdan a return bout within six months.—Associated Press.

AMPON WINS TENNIS TITLE

Bristol, June 11. Overseas players have dominated the West of England lawn tennis championships, and although John Curry won the women's singles for England for the third year in succession, the Philippines, South Africa and Czechoslovakia shared honours of the other finals today.

F. Ampon (Philippines) beat S. Levy (South Africa) 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 in the men's singles final, but Levy partnered his compatriot, Nigel Cockburn, to beat J. Ratous (Czechoslovakia) and Ampon 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the men's doubles final.

In the mixed doubles final, Ampon and Miss F. B. Cooke beat T. Samant (South Africa) and Mrs. Dawson Scott 6-2, 4-3.—Reuter.

The clerk of the weather was very kind to lawn bowlers on Saturday by permitting a full programme of matches to be played off. There was only a minor surprise and that was when the Indian Recreation Club beat the Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Austin Road in the First Division. They won on two rinks and thereby scored four points.

Their win was all the more creditable when it is realised that they were up against three of the Colony's inter-rink champions in A. J. Hall, J. McKelvie and Len Sykes. Hall has skipped for Shanghai, Hankow and Hong Kong, while McKelvie skipped in 1947 and Len Sykes last year.

Len Sykes and his men made a great effort to carry the home rink to an aggregate win when he beat Jeff Hossein's rink by 20 shots. The defeat of Hall's rink at the hands of Minu by 25 shots proved too much for him, however, and the home rink had to be content with one point. By a narrow margin of two shots, youthful U.A. Rumlahn beat veteran McKelvie 16-10.

Club de Recreio "B", last year's junior champions, who have been promoted to the First Division, scored their first win of the season when they beat Police Recreation Club at King's Park by two shots and four points to one. Charlie Gough made a desperate effort to carry the day when he beat Dr. Gutierrez and his men

Penalty Area Proposal Defeated

Pittlochry, Scotland, June 11.

A proposal by the Scottish Football Association that the penalty area should be changed from an oblong shape to a semi-circle was defeated at a meeting of the International Football Board here today.

Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, France and Norway were represented at the meeting, which lasted three hours.

Wales raised the question of the size of the ball, especially in Continental games, and an instruction is to be issued that the ball and all other equipment should conform to the regulations.

Wales also raised the question of action should a cross-bar break during a game, and the meeting gave the opinion that in such an event the game should be abandoned.

As the result of a Scottish proposal, a change in the offside regulations will be tried in practice matches next season. The Scottish idea was that the field should be divided into three equal parts so that players would be offside only in the area nearest to their opponents' goal.

This was deemed a matter for the British National Associations and permission was given for clubs under their control to try it out in practice.—Reuter.

by 20 shots. "Spuggy" Silva, who for many years was one of the mainstays of the Recreio team as a skip, skipped his rink to a brilliant win over Hillier's rink by 18 shots. Silva was in excellent form and time and again either dislodged his opponent's shot or added extra shots to his rink.

CCC's Bid

Craigengower Cricket Club are making a very bold bid to win the Senior League title which they last won in 1941. In their five games played to date, they have only dropped one point out of a possible 25, an achievement which will go a long way in winning the title. It was in the opening league game of the season that U.M. Omar lost to Tommy Madar by five shots.

Their record has been very impressive, as they have scored 378 shots with 240 against them.

Best KCC (4-1) 44-62

Best KCC "A" (6-0) 78-67

Best KCC "B" (6-0) 70-48

Best PRC (4-0) 74-52

Best KCC (6-0) 105-44

Total (34-1) 378-240

Shots

J.S. Landolt 5 6 0 128 78 60 5

N.W. Bradbury 5 6 0 122 92 80 5

U.M. Omar 5 6 4 122 78 53 4

Craigengower Cricket Club first took up the games of lawn bowls sometime between 1920 and 1921. Since then they have won the Senior Championship 1921, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1941 and the Knock-out Competition in 1947.

They won the Junior League in 1932 and 1933.

Four of their bowlers have won the Singles Championship, 1937 Omar won it in 1923, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 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